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Rabin addresses GA after meeting Chrétien

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is poised to address the Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly this Thursday night in Montreal, after scheduled meetings Wednesday in Ottawa with Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

According to a spokesman in Chretien's office, the two leaders were slated to have breakfast and luncheon meetings at which Canada-Israel relations, the peace process, trade and other subjects were on the agenda.

A meeting with a group of Orthodox rabbis was one of the first items on the itinerary when Rabin arrived in New York last week for his first visit to the United States since signing the declaration of principles with Yasser Arafat two months ago.

The meeting with the rabbis was seen as a move to shore up support from the segment of the Jewish community that has least embraced Rabin's Labor government.

Last Sunday, Rabin called on American Jewish leaders to continue agitating for the return of Israeli soldiers missing in action.

Rabin addressed the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on Sunday in New York.

His plea for the missing Israeli soldiers followed an emotional appeal from Joseph Katz, whose son, Yehuda, was one of three Israeli soldiers captured in a 1982 Lebanon tank battle.

The prime minister repeated Israel's demand that the PLO provide information on the missing soldiers, even though he said the PLO "has no influence on what's going on in Syria," where the soldiers may be held.

"It is our responsibility to bring them home," said Rabin of the missing, and not to "let world public opinion, American public opinion, ignore this problem."

Rabin also called on the Jewish leaders to raise public opinion against the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

In this, the prime minister took a different tack than did Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who on his visit to New York last month played down the importance of the boycott.

Rabin called on members of the Jewish community to "take care of ourselves. Increase your efforts to support Israel."

"Don't lead in supporting the Palestinians. We are for joint ventures but let the world, the Arab countries, the rich Arab countries, take care of them," he said. "Let them find funds to cope with the Palestinian problem."

Asked about the PLO's promise to remove from its charter provisions calling for the destruction of Israel, Rabin said that "we did not give a timetable" on when the promise would be kept.

He said he accepts PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's promise that the provisions are invalid.

When President Bill Clinton received Rabin at the White House last Friday, one of his main goals was to assuage Israeli security concerns that have arisen in the wake of the autonomy accord with the Palestinians.

It was a task complicated by the revelation that Arafat's Al Fatah faction of the PLO had just been linked to the Oct. 29 killing of West Bank Jewish settler Chaim Mizrachi.

Clinton called on Arafat to condemn the killing but there was little more he could do to reassure Israelis that such terrorist incidents will cease.

All Clinton could do was affirm that the United States is ready to assist Israel as the Israeli-Palestinian agreement is implemented.

And that's what he did at a White House news conference following his meeting with Rabin.

"During our talks, we discussed what the United States can do to enhance Israel's security as it comes to grips with the very real risks it is taking to achieve this peace," Clinton said as the two leaders stood side by side in the East Room.

He added that the United States would work with Congress to keep Israel's foreign aid at its current level, and would try to help Israel with loan guarantees and other assistance, including on defence.

Rabin thanked Clinton for pledging that he would strengthen Israel's security in a number of areas.

"Your decision to continue the level of security assistance to maintain our qualitative edge through the supply of advanced aircraft, the lifting of technological barriers, especially in the field of computers, and your decision to beef up our capacity to defend ourselves against missiles is most significant," the prime minister said.

Clinton would not comment specifically on whether the U.S. was planning to sell Israel the advanced F-15E fighter jet, the subject of recent media reports.

But he did say that "there will be a number of planes being made available to Israel as part of this ongoing effort between us."

In response to a question, Clinton said that he was not unduly concerned by the slow pace with which the Palestinians are moving to implement the accord with Israel.

The president said the pace appeared not as foot-dragging but rather the result of Palestinian inexperience in such areas as food distribution and housing construction.

Clinton and Rabin also discussed the other negotiating tracks in the Middle East peace process, with Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

A breakthrough with Jordan appears imminent but progress on the Syrian track has been slow.

Clinton said that during the meeting, Rabin reaffirmed that peace in the region "would require progress on all the tracks, including [those] with Syria and Lebanon."

Also discussed was the case of Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. civilian naval intelligence analyst serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

Rabin recently sent Clinton a letter urging Pollard's sentence be commuted.

At the news conference, Clinton said the issue had come up but that he could not make a decision on Pollard until the Justice Department forwards a recommendation to the White House.

That recommendation is due in about a month.

Both Clinton and Rabin spoke out against the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Since the Israeli-Palestinian accord was signed, pressure has been mounting for Arab countries to end their longtime boycott of Israel and companies doing business with it.

On another matter, Clinton said he would not take any action at this time on proposals to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

At his earlier meeting with Orthodox leaders in New York, which included the leadership of the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Yeshiva University, Rabin laid out his policies and the basis for them.

"At the same time, he really didn't answer our questions," said Rabbi Binyamin Walfish, executive vice-president of the RCA.

Armenian Jewish community leaves its ancient home

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The small but ancient Jewish community of Armenia is about to end its 2,000-year existence. Last Monday, the Jewish Agency announced plans to airlift more than a third of the community here from Yerevan, with the rest to join them shortly. The first Jews arrived in Armenia before the destruction of the Second Temple. They were well treated by the leaders of that country when it converted to Christianity in the year 301 C.E. There were about 1,040 Jews living in Armenia in 1970. During 1989-1991, when war was raging with Georgia, some 350 made aliya. Others intermarried, and there are roughly 300 Jews left. All but 50 members of the Jewish community plan to come here in with the current airlift.

A WIDOW'S GRIEF

Irit Mizrahi touches the body of her husband Haim before his burial Oct 31. At U.S. President Bill Clinton's insistence, Yasser Arafat has condemned Mizrahi's murder. [RNS photo Reuters]

Arafat condemnation 'too little, too late'

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's condemnation of the terror attack carried out by members of Fatah has been hailed as a historic first. But for most Israelis — including many members of the Rabin government — the denunciation is too little, too late.

"It is a positive step," said Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet. "But I would have preferred to hear Arafat condemn not only that specific murder, but all terror acts regardless of which faction is responsible."

The revelation that members of Arafat's own Fatah faction were responsible for the Oct. 23 murder of Beit El resident Chaim Mizrahi provoked shock and anger in Israel. Since the signing of the Israel-PLO accord, Prime Minister Ytizhak Rabin has blamed the continuing spate of Palestinian violence on Hamas extremists.

A Hamas leaflet was left next to the body of Mizrahi, apparently in the hope of misleading investigators and sparing the PLO embarrassment. Security forces say the upper echelons of the PLO did not authorize or know of the attack, which constituted an overt violation of the Israel-PLO accord.

"Since the halt of terror is actually the only concession being offered by the Palestinians, their violence may lead to the destruction of any peace," warned an editorial in the Hebrew daily *Ma'ariv*.

Indeed, support for the accord — and for the Rabin government — has been steadily declining in the wake of continuing Palestinian violence. Arafat's refusal, until now, to condemn previous acts of terror, allegedly committed by members of the rival Hamas movement, only deepened the doubts that Israelis harbor regarding their negotiating partner.

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Abella tells students to fight against racism

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella warned a group of students at York University last week about the dangers of the Reform party, and of doing nothing to counter racism.

Recounting the horrors of Kristallnacht and the Holocaust, Abella said "the world responded with supreme and calculated indifference," towards the Jews.

"Not one nation showed generosity of spirit to the Jews," said the co-author of *None Is Too Many*, which outlined Canada's immigration policy towards Jews in the war era. "Not one willingly opened its doors after the war to the remnants of Jewish civilization."

As a result, Abella said, "the world has lost the right to expect a single Jew to stand silently at injustice. We the survivors have been lucky to survive the enormity of the tragedy, but this gives us no right to sigh in relief and walk away."

Abella decried the recent resurgence of racism, neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism around the world, which he linked to an economic decline and a growing refugee and immigration crisis.

"We in Canada have not yet succumbed to this dread disease, but warning signs abound. Canada is a peculiar nation. We are a country of immigrants that hate immigrants."

A university history professor, Abella said he was much more concerned about the success of the Reform party in the recent federal election than he was at the success of the Bloc Quebecois. While assured that party leader Preston Manning was a decent person, Abella expressed doubt about the party's "rank and file," noting that many racist statements have emerged from this group.

When they voted Reform, "people knew precisely what they voted for," he said. "They perceived it as a party that reflects their views of what Canada should look like. They perceived it as a party that would close the doors to immigrants, that would undermine our cultural mosaic, that would stand up to feminists and other special interest groups, and that has visceral elements that are hostile to Jews."

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Delivering good news and bad news, Abella said institutional discrimination against Jews has disappeared in Canada but that prejudice remains.

"It's clear that there is an anti-Jewish sentiment extant in this country," seen in the hostility towards Israel.

Abella called for stronger action against racists. "We must not treat the hatemongers the way the civil libertarians urge us to do. Ignoring hatemongers and racists will not work," he said.

Abella's talk was hosted by the York University Jewish Student Federation as part of the 13th annual Holocaust Education Week.

Reform Party poses threat to women, says NAC head

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO — The head of Canada's largest feminist organization believes Preston Manning's Reform Party poses a serious threat to the rights of Canadian women, immigrant communities and racial minorities.

"When the economy is in a decline, there are a lot of sexist and racist attitudes just below the surfae. The Reform Party has brought them to the surface and helped them grow by scapegoating certain communities." said Sunera Thobani, President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC).

NAC is composed of more than 550 member groups, and has worked for women's eqaulity in Canada since 1972.

Thobani, who succeeded Judy Rebick as NAC president in June, spoke at the recent convention of the National Council of Jewish Women, just one day after the federal election which redrew Canada's political map and gave the Reform Party 52 seats in Parliament.

Thobani said that women's issues were not addressed during the election campaign, and consequently the Reform Party managed to avoid the public scrutiny she feels its platform deserves.

In her view, the Reform Party's opposition to such things as pay equity and employment equity for women, paid maternity leave and abortion, is a policy that undermines women's control over their lives and their bodies.

Sunera Thobani

Thobani did not spare the defeated Tories either, calling their track record "devastating for women."

Thobani interpreted voters dramatic rejection of the Conservatives as a clear signal that Canadians are no longer willing to cut back on social programs or equality rights in the name of the deficit.

She believes that accepting the argument that Canadians can't afford universal health care or social assistance, that they should be available only to the poor, will create a narrower base of support for these programs, leading to a drop in quality and ultimately to their erosion.

She welcomed the fact that the Liberal Party has shown some openness to women's issues, by promising greater funding for breast cancer research and awareness, for pre-natal nutrition, for child care, for women's groups that work to combat violence against women, etc.

But she cautioned that women's groups must sustain the pressure on politicians to ensure these campaign promises are kept.

A South Asian born in Tanzania, Thobani has personally suffered a double dose of prejudice.

"I have spent most of my life as an immigrant. I have experienced discrimination not only as a woman, but as a woman of color, a racial minority," she told the audience.

"When I became president of NAC, there were predictions of doom and gloom, that NAC would self-destruct. We got a lot of phone calls asking: How can she understand our movement, coming from a 'backward' culture that condones the oppression of women?

"But who is defining Indian or South Asian culture and traditions as patriarchal? It's not women who are defining it that way. The women are fighting to change it!" Thobani pointed out.

"By accepting those definitions, Canadian society is validating a patriarchal society. Instead, we need to challenge those definitions. Sexism exists in every society and culture, it's not inherent in a person's color or race. It's the result of an imbalance of power between men and women," she said.

"This has been a painful lesson for NAC. We've learned we have to be inclusive, we have to represent the right to equality of all women, including those who are most oppressed and most discriminated against," she concluded.

Book reveals Trudeau's arrest as 'spy' for Israel

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was once arrested as a Jewish spy.

Later, his relations with Menachem Begin were "strained," primarily over his refusal to move Canada's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Those tidbits are contained in Trudeau's memoirs, released last week amid a flurry of publicity that for many, brought back memories of Trudeaumania.

Included in the flamboyant Trudeau's 371-page autobiography, sprinkled with dozens of photographs, is his recollection of a trip he took through the Middle East in 1948.

It was in that year, the globetrotting former PM writes, that "Palestine was convulsed in war over the State of Israel," whose independence had been declared only a few weeks earlier, in May.

Trudeau, who left London, England in the spring of 1948 for adventures in far-flung places, arrived that summer in Amman, Jordan (then known as Transjordan) and recalls he went to the Philadelphia Hotel (Philadelphia being the old Western name for Amman) to get the latest update on the fighting with the nascent Israeli state.

There, he encountered a "solemn" group of journalists who gathered to cover the conflict. They had turned the hotel into a makeshift newsroom because no one, it seemed, had the necessary travel documents to go to Jerusalem. Besides, the road between Jericho and Jerusalem had been blocked by Palestinian forces and the trip was considered too risky.

Thrown in jail

A defier of convention even then, and "determined" to see Jerusalem, Trudeau jumped aboard a truck loaded with Arab soldiers leaving for the front. They crossed the Allenby Bridge and got to the walls of Jerusalem "without a hitch.

"It was with immense pleasure that I walked through [Jerusalem], a pleasure mixed with other strong emotions since I had to cross a street on the outskirts of the Old City under Israeli-Arab fire."

But on his way back from a monastery, where he visited a Canadian Dominican priest, Trudeau found himself in violation of a curfew. "Two Arab soldiers grabbed me by the collar and, without any further formalities, threw me in jail ... I was informed that I would be charged with espionage and that the death penalty awaited me if I was convicted."

Fortunately, the Dominican priest he'd visited intervened and persuaded the Arabs that Trudeau was a Canadian student and not a spy for the Haganah.

After "a not very pleasant day and night," Trudeau was released and placed on a truck headed back to Amman. But the soldiers aboard that truck, evidently, were convinced "I was indeed a Jewish spy ... the long beard I had at the time made me look even more suspect. The trip this time was very uncomfortable and punctuated by several threats of death. They let me know by vivid and easily understandable gestures that there was nothing to stop them from killing me and dumping my corpse into the ravine that bordered the highway."

The episode ended fortunately for the young traveler when his British pass-

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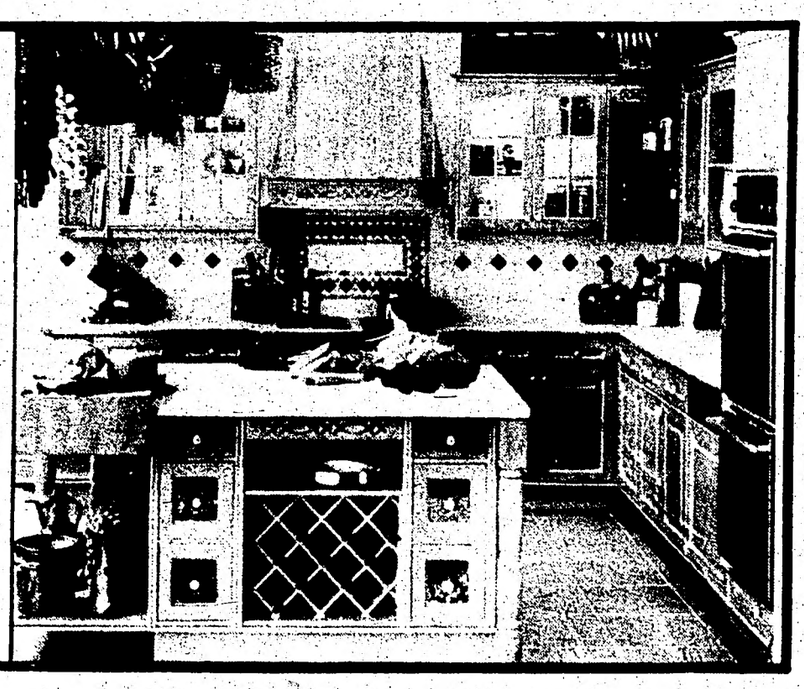

Gazit calls peace accord a 'symbol of victory'

CZF Convention ✡ '93 ✡

By BILL GLADSTONE

Shlomo Gazit

TORONTO — Speaking at the seventh annual convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Israeli Major General Shlomo Gazit called the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord "the symbol of the victory of Zionism and of the Jewish national movement."

Unofficially representing the entire Arab-Muslim diaspora, the PLO signed the paper "because they had to accept the bitter medicine — they had no choice and no alternative," Gazit told a large crowd in the main hall of the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The signing represents a radical shift in position for both Israel and the Palestinians, Gazit said.

On Israel's part, "we have recognized the existence of a Palestinian national movement," he said. "We can't say anymore that there is no Palestinian people, and for many years that was our attitude. We have paved the road leading to an independent Palestinian state. The question is not if, but when the state will be established."

Gazit, who made aliyah from Turkey in 1932 at the age of 6, said the Israeli-PLO document represents an insignificant legal commitment — "it's just an agreement to negotiate an agreement" — but has an immense and irreversible psychological impact. The signing could not have occurred after the Six Day War, he said, because "the conditions were not yet ripe."

The first and most important condition, he said, was Arab recognition that decisive military action against Israel seems impossible.

Second, political manoeuvering is difficult in the post-Soviet bloc era, Gazit said. Once they could push the United Nations to turn against Israel, but the infamous Zionism Is Racism resolution has been repealed and Israel is no longer treated as a pariah. Arab leaders, too, are worried about being washed aside in a flood of radical Islamic fundamentalism — hence their sense of urgency to resolve the historic impasse with Israel.

The third condition behind the Washington signing was fatigue, Gazit said. The PLO's support of Iraq in the Gulf War was costly, he noted: hundreds of thousands of Palestinian workers were expelled from the Gulf, the PLO lost major funding, and the intifada had accelerated a decline in living standards. Fourth, he said, was the failure of the Madrid conference and the Washington talks to make progress.

Fifth and last was the adaptability of both political leaders, Gazit said. "I did not expect an Arafat to have the courage and creativity to go for such an agreement. And I must say that neither did I expect Yitzhak Rabin to go and sign this agreement. They did it without too much enthusiasm, out of an understanding that the alternative was much more dangerous."

Many questions and difficulties lie ahead, the 67-year-old former Haganah fighter warned. Will the PLO alter its covenant as promised to reflect its acceptance of Israel? Are Palestinians capable of administering a state, despite never having done so? Can the Israeli government make a rapprochement with Syria with Israelis fervently opposed to the arrangement? "There are many who are convinced this agreement is the end of their dream of a Greater Israel from the Jordan to the sea," Gazit acknowledged.

However, Gazit said "there is no alternative except something far worse and far more dangerous.

"But if something does go wrong, our military advantage is still there. We have nothing to be worried about," he said.

MK Burg urges Zionists to defend Jewish state

TORONTO — Shortly after the Camp David accord, Israeli parliamentarian Dr. Yosef Burg was asked whether he would ever sit in negotiations with the PLO.

Burg answered that he would do so under two conditions: that the PLO renounce the paragraphs in its charter that call for the destruction of the "Zionist entity," and that it put a stop to Palestinian terrorism for two or three years at least.

Speaking here recently at the seventh annual national convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Zionist leader noted that the Rabin government has imposed those same conditions on Arafat in its current negotiations.

"Right now, neither of these conditions have as yet been delivered," he said.

As for the signed Israeli-PLO declaration of principles, "no one knows the value of the signatures," Burg said. "The value of our signature I know. But the PLO's? I don't know."

Burg, who served in the Israeli Knesset for 40 years in a variety of portfolios, including first deputy speaker, recounted the horrors of the 20th century, which he called "the most brutal and revolutionary century in Jewish history since the destruction of the Temple.

"I have a right to talk about it," he said, "because I was born in 1909 in the first decade of this century, and with God's grace I'm still active in the last decade of the century."

Burg said he once asked a doctor about the chances of survival for a man who had lost one third of his blood. The doctor replied that such a person had a chance, since it wasn't a foregone conclusion that he would die.

Burg compared the loss to the six million Jews killed during World War II, one third of world Jewry. "If there would not have been the state of Israel, which was founded because of the Zionist movement, then perhaps this loss of one third of our life-blood would have been much more dangerous," he said.

Burg called on all lovers of Zion to defend the Jewish state, rather than become preoccupied with divisive philosophical discussions. "Anti-Semitism does exist and we should never forget it," he said.

He urged delegates to remember that for the Jews, Jerusalem "represents 2,000 years of tears, prayers, hopes and blood. There's only one Jerusalem and only one history of the world. Never was Jerusalem the capital of any Arab entity."

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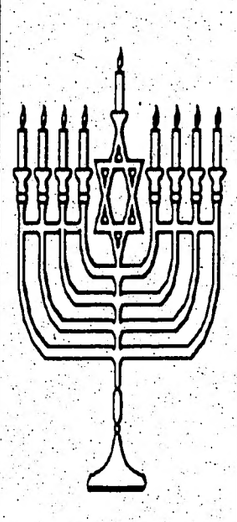

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Congress meets with ambassadors of Jordan, Morocco

Jordanian ambassador Hani Khalifeh (left) meets with a delegation of Canadian Jewish Congress officials in Ottawa. The delegation included (from left) Moshe Ronen, Irving Abella and Charles Zaionz.

By PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA — The historic rapprochement between Israel and its Arab neighbors continues to find echoes in Canada.

A delegation of Canadian Jewish Congress officials met last week with the ambassadors of Jordan and Morocco in what all sides said were productive meetings that served to find common ground between the parties.

The meeting with Jordanian ambassador Hani Khalifeh was "very positive and very hospitable," said Irving Abella, president of Congress. The peace process, Jordan's views on peace and its future relations with Israel, including trade, all came up for discussion, he said.

The meeting with Moroccan ambassador Tajeddine Baddou was a very warm and productive one, said Moshe Ronen, national chair of Congress' Israel affairs committee. The ambassador told the Congress delegation he just received a cable from Morocco indicating King Hassan had appointed Moroccan Jewish community leader Serge Berdugo as the country's minister of tourism.

The ambassador suggested the appointment was part of the positive atmosphere created by the peace process, Ronen said.

Baddou also said he would like to participate in a meeting involving Congress and the chief PLO representative in Canada, Ibrahim Sous. Sous was described to Congress as a moderate who was involved in early contact between the PLO and Israel.

Ronen said the offer will be considered "carefully."

The issue of the Arab boycott of Israel was raised by the Congress representatives in both meetings, Ronen said. And while no concrete assurances were given that the official boycott would be rescinded, Congress got "the impression that Morocco would consider rethinking its boycott position."

Baddou, who has served as head of the embassy in Canada for two years, said problems like the boycott will likely be solved thanks to the peace process.

In a telephone interview with *The CJN*, Baddou noted that last week's meeting was not the first one he has had with Congress. He said he met with Abella and Congress executives following Abella's election as Congress president 18 months ago and that his embassy has always had "very good relations" with Congress and the Moroccan Jewish community in Canada.

The embassy, he said, continues to serve as a link between Moroccan Jews and Morocco, which many continue to visit. Tourism between Morocco and Israel is also common, he said, as many Israelis visit their relatives and tend family gravesites.

Baddou said the meeting with Congress was full of optimism and the discussion was open. "But from my own point of view, there is no momentous change. I always felt I was talking to friends before. We are all eager for things to go on smoothly."

The ambassador, who served in Prague for five years prior to his posting to Ottawa, said the meeting focused on the peace process and the relationship between the Canadian Jewish community and Morocco. The ambassador said both sides share the goal of helping the Moroccan Jewish community "keep the links" they have to Morocco.

As to formal diplomatic relations between Morocco and Israel, Baddou said that once Israel and the Palestinians "agree to settle their problems, we won't have any problem to establish relations with Israel.

"We don't think we have to do it right now. We don't want our Arab brothers to feel we are pushing them too hard. Our role is to help the two parties to get to the negotiating table."

Khalifeh told *The CJN* that the meeting with Congress "represents the hopes for common ground to contribute to peace and its momentum. [The meeting] opens lines of dialogue to address issues of mutual concern."

The ambassador, who has served for 15 years in the Jordanian diplomatic corps, said peace will come between Jordan and Israel "in good time." Both sides have signed a common agenda and they are working toward a peace agreement, he said.

Khalifeh said "the Canadian Jewish community contributed to Canadian society and it will be very instrumental, as Jewish leaders in the Diaspora are influential in their circles, [to] advocate peace and be committed to it."

He said the boycott was a pan-Arab issue, not one that involves Jordan alone. "We hope that once [the Israel-Palestinian] problems are resolved, it will stop. Now, the two sides are working to solve these issues. . . and [eventually] the conditions for the boycott will end."

Abella said Congress hopes the meetings help to create an ongoing "relationship so we can talk about problems as they arise. The meetings also create a sense of normalcy between Jordan and Israel and between Jews and Arabs," he said.

Also participating in the meetings as part of the Congress delegation were Charles Zaionz, chair of the national executive; Eric Vernon, director of legislative analysis; and Mike Cohen, national director of communications and Israel affairs.

Congress' meeting with the Jordanian ambassador was not the first time a Canadian Jewish organization had contacts with the Jordanians. B'nai Brith Canada held a widely-publicized meeting with King Hussein when the monarch visited Canada in October 1989.

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Metulla mayor seeks backing for Canada Centre expansion

TORONTO — As honorary president of the Israel Figure Skating Association (IFSA), Yossi Goldberg headed the delegation accompanying Israel's top skater, Michael Shmerkin, to the recently-concluded Sun-Life Skate Canada competition in Ottawa.

Wearing his other hat as mayor of the northern town of Metulla, Goldberg took the opportunity afforded by his visit to meet with top officials of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) to solicit their support for a proposed expansion of the Canada Centre recreation complex.

Yossi Goldberg

It is Canada Centre, he pointed out in an interview with *The CJN*, that serves as the home rink and principal training area for Shmerkin and other top Israeli figure skaters. Shmerkin, who in 1994 will be the first-ever Israeli athlete to participate in a winter Olympics, finished sixth overall at the Skate Canada competition.

A master salesman who knows his product speaks for itself, Goldberg reels off the centre's list of impressive achievements: 300-400 Israeli children skate or play hockey on a regular basis at Canada Centre; the centre serves to enhance the normality of life in a community that sits on the border with Lebanon; the centre serves as a prime tourist destination, attracting one million visitors each year. Fully half of them lace up the skates for a glide around the centre's ice surface.

Those incredible numbers are testimony to the popularity of skating in Israel, said Goldberg, Metulla's mayor since 1978. "It's become so popular that the ice is the main attraction. In Israel, it's a new sport and people [originally] from European countries and North America flock to it. Israeli boys and girls really like it, too."

Even in the desert city of Beersheva, Israelis often plan their vacations around a visit to the centre and across the country, a reference to visiting "Canada" means a trip to the centre in Metulla, he said.

Goldberg said tenders are already out on the expansion project, which will see construction of an Olympic-size ice rink adjacent to the existing rink, which at 600 square metres, is one-third of Olympic dimensions. The plans include arena seating for 1,000, a restaurant and space under the rink for future use.

Cost of the project is set at $3 million U.S. and Goldberg is hoping that UIA Canada will kick in $1 million — the first $500,000 when work begins next February. The rest will be matched by the Israeli government, the Metulla municipality and other municipalities nearby that benefit from the centre, Goldberg said.

Construction is expected to take one year.

Goldberg appears to have found a receptive ear in Canada. UIA executive vice-president Steve Ain said the organization is "committed to raise the money specifically for the purpose, through extra donations. We have a number of individuals who have expressed some interest in this," adding a time frame for the allocation was still under discussion.

Ain said Canada Centre's success "has exceeded the wildest expectations" and is an attractive project for Canadian contributors. On his family's unannounced visit to the centre recently, "you walked in and the place was jumping."

Once completed, the new facility will serve as a site for skating performances, a training centre and perhaps, for a Skate Israel competition, modelled on the Skate Canada invitational, Goldberg said.

The mayor points out that once Israel gets an Olympic-sized rink, it can attract major shows and the IFSA will get a full voting voice in international figure skating associations.

Other spinoff benefits include employment opportunities for local residents, including Russian olim who already hold many of the 100 jobs generated by the existing facility.

With ice sports growing in popularity and with Mount Hermon, the country's prime skiing location, nearby, Goldberg's dream is to continue developing Metulla as Israel's winter wonderland and a prime tourist destination.

— P.L.

Women's roles highlight of conference

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — The increasingly important role of women in Jewish life was emphasized as 125 representatives of Canadian small Jewish communities congregated in Halifax Nov. 5-7.

The conference, hosted by the small community committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), attracted representation from as far west as Alberta and from most small communities of Atlantic Canada.

"Jewish women are taking a more responsible role because of necessity and because the old-fashioned model is going out the window," said Dr. Ben Schlesinger, a professor of social work at University of Toronto. "There is no longer the model of women staying home full time, raising children and making latkes for Chanukah parties. That's going out with the new generation."

The new Jewish woman is making her voice heard. Filmmaker Frances Zuckerman, a producer and director for the past 10 years, showed her film, *Half The Kingdom*, about Jewish women who have fought to be part of a Jewish community existence through participation in prayer and other traditional male roles.

"Yet the Jewish woman still has to fight for change," said Zuckerman.

Sheva Medjuck, a sociology professor at Halifax's Mount St. Vincent University, emphasized that the survival of Jewish communities depends on women's voices being heard.

"For the last 20 years, Jewish women have been talking about sexism in the community but nothing has been done. They are doing well secularly but not religiously. Adaptations have to be made [in Jewish practice] to make women feel part of the community."

Schlesinger said women no longer want to serve the dinners at men's meetings.

"They've read, they've learned. If you don't include more women, you can close the synagogues."

Dr. Nora Gold, an assistant professor of social work at McMaster University in Hamilton, told the conference of research she had done with 30 Jewish women, 26 of whom said they were feminists. "The study was depressing and frightening," said Gold.

"They were all professional, high achieving, successful and active in their secular lives. But they did not provide role models for young Jewish girls. Jewish girls have to see their mothers and aunts on the bimah," she said.

"Yet something can be done. It's crucial that women learn for their own competence and self-image. Women have to listen to each other, support and teach each other and then go ahead and do something about it."

The conference also discussed the changing roles of other family members, the problems of being a single parent in what Schlesinger called a couples-oriented "Noah's Ark world" and the difficulty of being a senior citizen in a society where the increase of Jewish seniors (13 to 14 per cent) is higher than the general population (11 per cent).

"There is also a record number of Jewish singles today," he said. "They don't have the push or the need to be married as people did years ago. Today there is a big trend to living together, rather than marrying. And the modern Jewish trend is to later marriage, in the late '20s or early '30s, with the wife giving birth to her first child at 37."

Today, young people have too many choices, he said. Yet we have things so good today, we don't realize how much better it is. "We must see what we have [in family values] and preserve it because it is well worth preserving," said Schlesinger.

A program on balancing secular career mobility, a media training and sensitization session chaired by CJC communications director Mike Cohen, and a musical play by members of the Atlantic Canadian Jewish Students Federation completed the agenda.

Outremont voting pattern clarified

MONTREAL —

A report on election results in the Nov. 4 issue may have created some confusion regarding the way the Chassidim and ultra-Orthodox communities voted in Outremont.

Due to space limitations, some clarifying quotes were not published.

As reported, the religious Jewish communities' previous bloc support of Progressive Conservative incumbent Jean-Pierre Hogue weakened in this campaign. The fact that Hogue received just over 4,000 votes indicates the communities — who represent at least 14 per cent of the riding's population — did not vote en masse for Hogue as they did in 1988.

Jack Hartstein, a Vishnitzer and delegate to the Tory leadership convention in June, said a significant portion of the religious Jews went over to candidate Martin Cauchon, when it appeared the Liberals would win.

"Some in the community felt they should stick with Hogue win or lose because they felt he deserved our support. Others got caught up in the trend toward the Liberals. Everyone went their own way," he said.

Hartstein said he remains a Conservative because the party represents "traditional values" more than the Liberals, on such issues as euthanasia and the family.

MP Clancy urges racial tolerance

HALIFAX — Mary Clancy, Liberal member of Parliament for Halifax, has called Canadians "less tolerant of minority groups than we think we are."

Speaking in Halifax to the national small communities conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Clancy said, "We can't gloss over the problem but must root it out."

Making her first official appearance as a member of the governing party of Canada, Clancy said Canadians are quiet and polite but have been smug about their feelings of tolerance.

"The mask has been stripped away. Whether it's the treatment of aboriginal, acceptance of new Canadians from whatever country or acceptance of long-established cultural and religious groups in this country, there is intolerance.

"Events of racism and intolerance have jolted us out of our complacency, have shown us there is a problem and that we have to deal with it. Only constant vigilance will make tolerance grow."

She called on the education system to make sure the truth is told about the ugliness we face in society.

"We have to say to the next generation we have taken the steps to make Canada a multicultural, rich-in-diversity country that we chose when we chose Canada."

Clancy, introduced by Atlantic Jewish Council president Larry Freeman as a longtime friend of the Jewish community and of Israel, was part of a 12-day Canada-Israel Committee trip in 1990.

"We thought Canadian parliamentarians could argue. You've never sat in the Knesset," she laughed.

"I saw as much as I could of that incredible country during my 12-day trip," she said. "I realized the country is complicated but I sensed that Israel will survive and flourish no matter what happens in the outside world."

She said survival depends on the spirit of the people, of Israelis and Jews worldwide who support Israel.

"But, whatever the feelings of our Canadian group — and we were made up of Liberals, Conservatives and NDP members, all with divergent thoughts — we all knew, if only one Israeli was left standing, Israel would survive."

Israel is a message of triumph of the human spirit, she said.

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CJN Exclusive Susan Weidman Schneider

Susan Weidman Schneider, editor-in-chief and founding editor of the New York-based independent Jewish feminist magazine Lilith, *was in Toronto recently as keynote speaker at a program co-sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal Business and Professional Women's Network, UJA Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation.*

Weidman Schneider, a native of Winnipeg who lectures extensively, is the author of three books, including Intermarriage: The Challenge of Living with Differences Between Christians and Jews and the comprehensive Jewish and Female: Choices and Changes in Our Lives Today. *While in Toronto, she spoke to* CJN *reporter Frances Kraft.*

CJN: *What do you see as the biggest stride Jewish women have made since your book* Jewish and Female *was published almost a decade ago?*

Weidman Schneider: To say there's been one biggest stride is to ignore the real diversity that exists in the "Jewish women's movement."

Some women might say the ordination of women as rabbis has been the most important stride, not only because it gives sanction to women's leadership roles, but also because it empowers women to see themselves as people for whom public religious roles are acceptable and appropriate.

On the other hand, there are women who would say the biggest strides are the infusion of female sensibility into Jewish religious practice [by] using new God language, rewriting prayers and religious liturgy.

I think for me the most important gains are the ones that we're still trying to make in terms of women's leadership in the Jewish community. When a page one story is quoting once again the same male, Jewish leaders, the same often predictable opinions, I realize there's still an enormous amount of work to be done bringing forward those women who sometimes are recognized for their expertise outside the Jewish community, but aren't yet accorded either the recognition or the genuine power that they should have.

CJN: *What issue would you put at the top of the agenda for the Jewish community?*

Weidman Schneider: I think there's been a great deal of lip service given to the idea of continuity. Certainly the statistics of the last two or three years only bear out that there's a lot of attrition through disaffiliation, to say nothing of intermarriage.

I think Jewish women are more at risk, particularly university age and post-graduate. They have sometimes more fragile Jewish identities than their male counterparts. For the most part they have not received quite as good a Jewish education. They feel more disparaged by the negative stereotypes, JAP stereotypes. They feel less valued by the Jewish community.

So for lots of reasons I think that what is at the top of agenda for Jewish women should also be at the top of the Jewish community's agenda. It's a population that we can identify clearly. It's a population where we know what wrongs need to be redressed and a population that for the most part is interested in staying connected or returning to some connection.

It's interesting to me that 40 per cent of *Lilith*'s subscribers don't do anything else Jewish when they first read the magazine. One woman who hadn't been in the synagogue since age 10 wrote to us that she saw an article about women rabbis in *Lilith*. She didn't even know there were women rabbis. She found a synagogue near her where there was a woman rabbi, and her son was being bar mitzvah there. *[Lilith]* represented for her a whole conduit into the kind of Jewish life that she had never experienced as a kid and that she found very appealing.

CJN: *How does it make you feel when you hear stories like that?*

Weidman Schneider: It makes me feel very pleased and gratified, but more than that it makes me want to shake up the rest of the Jewish community, because it's so simple to touch the lives of women who would otherwise not be part of the community.

A book list was recently circulated across North America to Jewish college students where half a dozen prominent Jews were asked to submit lists of Jewish books they thought college students should have in their library. Of the leaders, only one was female, and of the [approximately 60] books suggested, there were only two by women.

There's a great deal of ferment and excitement around women's writing, and for a Jewish booklist not to take this into account is sending a powerful and rather negative message to young Jewish women.

CJN: *Tell me about your work on intermarriage.*

Weidman Schneider: With [the book I wrote on intermarriage], I spent a lot of time in groups for intermarried couples and for couples who are dating people of different faiths.

It became clear that I was really working on a book about Jewish identity, not simply a book about intermarriage. For Jews it's very hard to say explicitly why being Jewish matters. There are very real differences between Jews and Christians in that for a Christian, a statement about religious affiliation is a statement about belief. For Jews it's a statement of identity, except perhaps for Orthodox Jews, who might be able to make a statement more clearly about belief and practice.

It's hard in a Jewish-Jewish marriage also sometimes. It's hard to explain to your Jewish kids in a Jewish-Jewish marriage why it matters and what you care about and why you go to synagogue or why you don't go to synagogue. But in a Jewish-Christian marriage, you have to make these things explicit.

I think it's much harder for Jewish women [than for Jewish men] in interfaith marriages, because their husbands are a little more confrontational, not necessarily in a negative way, but they want explicit answers. "How is our home going to be Jewish? What observances are we going to do?"

There's a much higher divorce rate among intermarried couples where the woman is Jewish than when the man is Jewish, although you would think that there would be fewer conflicts because, according to Conservative and Orthodox interpretations of Jewish law, the children of a Jewish mother are automatically Jewish. You would think there would be some additional clarity there.

I was struck by how in many intermarriages, when it was a Jewish man and a non-Jewish woman, the non-Jewish woman *intuited* whatever it was her husband felt about being Jewish.

One of the couples had just [celebrated] the bar mitzvah of one of their sons. I knew that Susie hadn't converted to Judaism and was actually still kind of involved through her parents in their Protestant church.

I said to her, "Was it very difficult for you to raise the kids Jewish and to go through with the bar mitzvah and the Hebrew school training?"

She looked at me as if I was crazy and she said, "What do you mean? The whole thing was my idea. I knew it mattered to my husband before he did."

She said, "He claimed, when we were first talking about having kids, that it didn't matter to him *at all* whether the kids were raised Jewish, but I knew that it did. Everything he talked about, his politics, the way he reminisced about his grandmother's kosher kitchen, the way he talked about his childhood — everything suggested it mattered to him far more than he could say, and I knew that if the kids were not raised Jewish, that it would pain him very much. I'm happy that it worked out."

They were a very happy couple, actually. But it became obvious to me that that sort of kindly intuitiveness doesn't work in a couple where the Jew is a woman."

I think there are big unexplored gender differences. We are going to have to figure out ways of helping the Jewish women who are in interfaith marriages stay connected, as many of them indeed want to, and also figure out ways of being welcoming to the wives of Jewish men who are themselves not Jewish.

I think attentiveness is problematic in certain circumstances, because one wants not to exclude [the intermarried couple] but on the other hand not to send the message to children that intermarriage is something to encourage.

There isn't a family in Jewish life that has not been touched by intermarriage, so it seems to me the more we know about it, the better off we are. And the more we are able to help girls and young women feel comfortable in their identity as Jews no matter who they marry, the better off the Jewish community will be in the future.

If somebody has a good, strong sense of herself as a Jew at 18 or 20, even if at 28 or 30 she marries somebody who's not Jewish, there isn't the same kind of loss to the Jewish community as there is if she is somebody who says, "I don't care, I am going to convert out of Judaism." There's a whole kind of hidden population of Jewish women, somebody has estimated as much as perhaps 50,000 or 60,000 in North America, who have converted to Christianity.

CJN: *What's the most important thing that we as Jewish mothers can teach our daughters?*

Weidman Schneider: And our sons. If we're talking about gender equality, we're talking also about raising our sons to be menschen.

It's a much easier job raising daughters in this day and age than it is raising sons to be feminist. There are all these courses now being offered in the Jewish community for women, but there's no parallel body of courses for men teaching them how to change a diaper, how to be better daddies, how to relate to women better.

The most important lesson for my daughter, I think, is a willingness to take certain kinds of risks, to speak out on what she knows to be right.

The willingness to speak out is an awfully important message, because as women we're socialized to be so well-behaved, and it's terribly hard to see ourselves as disruptive, to speak out for our own needs.

As Jewish women in particular, the role models we have had are of people who do things for others. The stereotype of the self-sacrificing Jewish mother who will do anything for her progeny or her community but might neglect her own needs is not such a good model.

Too often, Judaism has been a religion that we create for our kids, which is very telling for them. [I think] not only university students but also high school and even junior high school students should be invited into adult women's forums to see that here are smart, tuned-in, well-informed, alert Jewish women talking about Jewish subjects with a degree of seriousness. They're giving two or three hours on a busy schedule to talk about real concerns in terms of Jewish religious practice and Jewish intellectual development, and that's an important counterweight against stereotypes.

CJN: *How have you personally balanced tradition with feminism?*

Weidman Schneider: For me that has not been a conflict. I grew up in a community in Winnipeg in which I felt very comfortable both as a Jew and as a woman. I grew up in a congregation where girls, as well as boys, were expected to participate.

I wore a kippah because that's what all the girls wore. The girls and the boys led junior congregation. It was expected that I would have a bat mitzvah, which I did, and of course after my bat mitzvah I didn't have a speaking role in synagogue again for many years, but in those formative years, probably 8 until 12 or 13, I felt myself at no disadvantage being female in the synagogue.

The congregation I belong to now, where the women often wear little lace doilies and not yarmulkes, feels to me in some ways like a throwback. I had an Israeli friend make me a little black crocheted yarmulke with rosebuds on it that I sometimes wear in that congregation.

My own mother was never afraid of new ideas, and went to Hebrew school in an era where girls often didn't get much of a Jewish education. She was a good model for somebody who was unafraid of the new [but] who minded all the social niceties.

I think rather than tradition versus feminism, it was a matter of being excited, and I think that has informed my style as a lecturer and as a writer. I'm excited by what's new, and I'm excited about the possibilities of social change and about making the world a better place.

I don't believe anger is a useful teaching tool. When I lecture, I'm interested in spurring the audience to make change, and to have them get in touch with their own sense of anger or outrage or eagerness to have things be done better, but I don't believe in being angry toward them.

[The synagogue in Winnipeg provided] equal access to the male rituals and the male liturgy, but it wasn't until much, much later that I began to think about that infusing of women's experience into Jewish life.

CJN: *You said that your shul feels in some ways like a throwback. Do you feel part of it?*

Weidman Schneider: In terms of formal religious practice, it would be intolerable to me if it were not an egalitarian congregation. Women carry the Torahs on Simchat Torah, women read from the Torah, bat mitzvahs and bar mitzvahs are celebrated identically on Saturday mornings with girls reading from the Torah.

[But there's] still more male leadership. There has never been an assistant rabbi who's been a female, and the head rabbi is a man in his 70s who sets the tone of the place, so my sense of outrage has more to do with the kind of hidden messages there — the insensitivity sometimes to English language, the prayers that talk about the head of the household being male and so on — but the synagogue has for many, many years been fully committed to equal participation in formal ways for women.

Vandals damage Winnipeg cemetery

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — In a disturbing echo of the past, vandals desecrated 78 headstones at the Shaarey Zedek Cemetery Nov. 8.

Jonathan Kroft, vice-president of community relations for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, says the incident coincided with the city's first commemoration of Kristallnacht.

"I hope [it's] not [anti-Semitism]," he says, "but regardless, this is an act of hate and the Jewish community is shocked and disturbed by it."

Perle Selch, the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue's executive director, reports there was no graffiti or other indications of anti-Semitic intent and the synagogue is regarding the incident as a simple case of vandalism. She observes that a number of other non-Jewish cemeteries have been similarly disturbed in the past year.

The affected graves were in the older section of the cemetery. Some of them go back over 100 years. Those that were just pushed over can be righted again, Selch says. Some of the very old ones crumbled and will have to be replaced. There is no damage estimate. The next of kin were contacted where possible.

The Winnipeg Police Department's hate crimes unit is investigating.

Man jailed for beating

OTTAWA — An Ottawa court has jailed 18-year-old Geoffrey Sandes for three months for his part in beating an anti-racist protester during a riot in downtown Ottawa last May.

Judge Jean-Marie Bordeleau also put Sandes on probation, ordering him not to associate with any racist groups or attend racist gatherings for three years.

Sandes had pleaded guilty to charges of assault causing bodily harm. Court was told that Sandes and another man, who has yet to face trial, crossed Wellington Street to attack an anti-racist protester during a confrontation between members of the Heritage Front and anti-racists.

"You're in it now, girl," Sandes told the victim as he and the other man punched him, *The Ottawa Citizen* reported.

"Mr. Sandes smiled. . . and finished the assault with a very firm kick to the head," the paper quotes assistant Crown Attorney Karen Markham as saying.

As a term of probation, Sandes was ordered not to associate with any member of the Heritage Front or the Church of the Creator, two racist organizations. Prior to the street melee, Sandes had been at a dance organized by the Front.

The non-association provision of the sentence was criticized by Sandes' lawyer, Ron Guertin, who called it an unjustifiable infringement of his client's Charter rights.

But Ian Kagedan, spokesman for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, applauded the ruling, saying the sentence did not violate the Charter.

"When you're convicted of a crime, your freedoms are limited," he said.

A second man charged in the incident, Daniel Roussel, 24, has yet to face trial.

Meanwhile, the city of Nepean, in the greater Ottawa area, has adopted a suggestion urged by Kagedan that it bar hate groups from using municipally-owned facilities.

The Nepean Council voted last week not to rent facilities to people likely "to promote discrimination, contempt or hatred."

Halifax gets new shaliach

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — When Gali Salamon stepped on the plane to leave Israel a month ago, it was the first time the 24-year-old Israeli had left her native country.

But her first impression of Halifax and Atlantic Canada, where she will serve as shaliach for at least the next 12 months, has been as warm as the land she left.

"People here are hospitable and friendly," she said, starting a one-year term that could be doubled. "They are anxious to hear about Israel and to hear about me."

Salamon, a graduate of the English linguistics department at Hebrew University, taught English at the ORT Technical School in Jerusalem for the past two years.

In April 1993, she joined the World Union of Jewish Students' Project Arevim, a group of Israelis aged 20 to 30 with knowledge and skills to share with Jewish communities outside Israel.

She selected Atlantic Canada as her destination, one of three arevim to go to North America (the others are in El Paso, Tex., and Aruba). The balance of the 25 participants are in Europe, New Zealand, England and Russia.

"I am going to work with young people aged 7 and up and concentrate mostly with 13- to 18-year-olds," Salamon said. "I have three goals — to strengthen their Jewish identities, their Zionist identity and to build young leadership in the community."

Salamon said she wants to make young people proud of being Jewish and to support Israel in ways other than aliyah.

"The goal is to get children together, whether they practice Judaism or don't practice it. I want to develop their leadership skills so that when I leave here, there are people to carry on the activities. That would make my stay here successful."

The project is voluntary. Her living expenses are paid but she receives no salary.

Report claims Christian Embassy targetting Jews for conversion

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — There is "sufficient evidence to be very concerned" that the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem (ICEJ), is trying to convert Jews to Christianity, according to the U.S.-based counter-missionary group Jews for Judaism.

"We found a deliberate pattern of proselytizing by the ICEJ, its staff and volunteers over a long period of time .... in spite of their protests to the contrary," says a 12-page study by Jews for Judaism.

"We also found that the ICEJ allies itself with 'Jews for Jesus' type groups which are actively involved in deceptively proselytizing the Jewish community," adds the report, which was forwarded to the ICEJ in Jerusalem earlier this year.

In response, IECJ spokesman Jim Schutz denied his organization targets Jews for conversion.

Schutz said the report contains isolated and misleading statements.

"You have failed to cite one example of a Jew who has converted to Christianity as a result of our alleged missionary agenda."

Schutz pointed out that the Embassy has spent "millions" of dollars to bring Soviet Jews to Israel, has defended Israel worldwide, fought anti-Semitism, encouraged love and support for Jews and given "practical support to Israelis, even to the point of risking our own lives."

He added that financing flights from the Soviet Union has been done through the Jewish Agency and groups like Jews for Jesus do not take part in ICEJ events.

"We think it is important for Jews to know that there are Christians who are standing with them," he wrote.

The ICEJ was set up in 1980, the year the Knesset declared Jerusalem to be Israel's "eternal and indivisible" capital. That prompted almost all foreign embassies and missions in the city to move to Tel Aviv because eastern Jerusalem was seen as occupied territory.

But Christians from around the world rallied to Israel's side and opened their own "embassy" in what used to be Chile's mission.

Canadians were among the 4,000 Christian pilgrims from over 80 countries who took part in the recent International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem's 13 annual Feast of Tabernacles parade in Jerusalem.

Ever since, the Embassy has raised funds for educational programs and flights to Israel for Jews, mainly from the former Soviet Union. It also organizes Christian pilgrimages to the Holy Land, especially during the Feast of Tabernacles each autumn.

The Canadian Friends of the ICEJ, based in Oakville, Ont., was set up in the early 1980s and also engages in fundraising and lending moral support to Jewish causes. Three years ago, the Canadian Friends presented the Israeli government with a cheque for $60,000 to pay for chartered flights out of the Soviet Union.

The Canadian Friends claim about 3,500 member families across the country.

Embassy adherents are generally motivated by the New Testament's admonition to love and comfort Zion.

But according to Jews for Judaism, "there is more to this group of 'Christian Zionists' than meets the eye. There is an agenda and methodology to their 'unconditional love' for Israel and the Jewish people, often overlooked and ignored by the Jewish community because of the 'good work' they do.

"It is this methodology that makes this group not that much different from Jews for Jesus."

Jews for Judaism says the ICEJ has specifically targeted Jews from the former Soviet Union, who are considered especially vulnerable because of their generally weak links to Judaism.

Statements by ICEJ officials over the years have spoken of a "divine plan" for Jews to accept Jesus as the Messiah in order to hasten Christ's second coming, Jews for Judaism contends.

Both Jews for Judaism Toronto director Julius Ciss and Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress agree with this assessment.

Ciss told *The CJN* he has sent away for ICEJ material and has received literature that speaks of "saving" and "redeeming" Jews.

"They come across as very nice, very lovely. Officially, they do not evangelize. But all their work is in preparation for Jesus's return, the condition for which is the conversion of Jews," Ciss said.

"I do ultimately view them as a threat."

Farber said Congress has been "concerned" about the Canadian Friends for a number of years. "We're very wary of their activities, both in Canada and elsewhere," he said.

No one from the Canadian Friends was available for comment.

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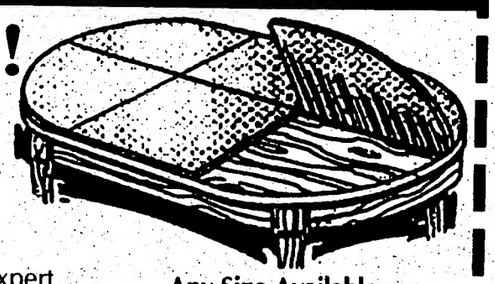

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'Soviet' Jewry numbers estimated at 1.4-1.8 million

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — There are far fewer Jews living in the former Soviet Union than had been previously believed, according to a survey conducted by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Compiled by the Jewish Agency's unit for the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the survey indicates there are between 1.4 million and 1.8 million "self-declared" Jews living in 200 communities in the Soviet successor states.

The figure is sharply lower than previous estimates, which put the total Jewish population there at between 3 million and 5 million.

"The survey is not scientific, it is not a census," Baruch Gur, director of the Jewish Agency's East European unit, told a meeting of United Jewish Appeal volunteers here last week.

Gur said the new figure, compiled by agency representatives working in the field in cooperation with local authorities, is an important and reliable one that reflects "self-identified Jews."

He said the definition is in keeping with Israel's Law of Return, which recognizes a Jew as anyone who had at least one Jewish grandparent.

Gur painted a gloomy picture of the situation in Russia and the breakaway republics.

"Whatever you hear and read about political or economic stability in the former Soviet Union, forget it, don't believe it," he said. "There's no stability and there won't be in the near future. There is tension everywhere."

That tension is translating into a steady flow of immigrants to Israel, he noted.

Last month, 5,625 Jews from the CIS arrived in Israel, according to the Absorption Ministry. That brings the total number of CIS Jewish immigrants so far this year to 52,850, a three per cent increase over the same period a year ago.

Gur said the total for 1993 could reach 70,000. And if present patterns of instability continue, Israel can expect an average 6,000 CIS Jews a month for the next five years, meaning up to 400,000 by 1998.

Since the exodus began in late 1989, 480,000 Soviet Jews have come on aliyah, he noted.

As many as one-million CIS Jews hold invitations from Israel.

"Jews are not leaving because of anti-Semitism," Gur claimed. "They are privileged to leave because they are Jews, and the pressure on them to leave is great."

Gur revealed that by the end of this week, the remaining 300 Jews of war-ravaged Armenia will have left for Israel (see p. 1).

He broke down Jewish emigration by republic:

• Russia, with a Jewish population estimated at 656,000, is the source of most CIS Jewish emigration. There are direct flights to Israel from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novgorod and centres stretching almost as far as the Sea of Japan.

• There are 474,000 Jews remaining in Ukraine, where inflation is running at 38 percent a month and the situation is "really bad," according to Gur. Up to 200 Jews a day get their exit visas at Israel's embassy in Kiev. Last month, 1,500 arrived in Israel.

• Belarus, with 98,500 Jews, has direct flights from the capital, Minsk.

• There are 43,000 Jews in Moldova, which is Rumanian in language and culture. There are direct flights from the capital, Kishinev.

• In the three Baltic republics, Jews number 18,000 in Latvia, 6,500 in Lithuania and some 3,500 in Estonia. There are direct flights from Riga and Vilnius.

• Another hot spot is Georgia, where the government is waging a bloody war with rebels. About 17,000 Jews remain. There have been reports of Jewish children being kidnapped. This year, Israel expects 5,000 to come on flights from Tblisi. About 1,200 Jews are expected to come from Sukhumi, capital of the self-declared breakaway region of Abkhazia, leaving an estimated 100 Jews still there.

A big challenge facing the Jewish Agency are the Jews of the six Muslim republics, who total about 117,000. Muslim leaders have reached out to both Iran and Afghanistan, but secular Turkey seems to be the model. Nevertheless, an average 1,100 Jews from these republics arrive in Israel monthly. The situation breaks down this way:

• Uzbekistan has 60,000 Jews and there are direct flights from the once great Jewish centres of Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara. Apparently, even the chief rabbi of Samarkand has left.

• Azerbaijan, in conflict with Armenia, is home to about 32,000 Jews. Roughly 16,000 have left since 1989, mostly to Israel. There are direct flights from the capital, Baku.

• Kazakhstan has a Jewish population of 17,000. Anarchy reportedly reigns in the capital, Alma-Ata, from where direct flights to Israel are available.

• There are an estimated 5,000 Jews in Kyrgyzstan (formerly Kirgizia), while Turkmenistan is home to 2,000 Jews. Little is known about their fate. The Jewish Agency reports no direct flights from the capitals.

• Of the original community of 16,000, just 1,800 Jews remain in Tajikistan, and of those, 1,000 have applied to go to the United States. The majority left on direct flights from the capital, Dushanbe.

Gur said the Jewish Agency has offices or representatives in 140 cities of the CIS.

— With files from JTA

Buchenwald gets new monument

BERLIN (JTA) — Of the 15 monuments erected by East Germany to commemorate the thousands of victims of Buchenwald, until this week not one acknowledged anti-Semitism.

Last Wednesday, a monument to the tens of thousands of Jews murdered by the Nazis in Buchenwald was unveiled at the former East German site.

"Unfortunately, it seems lately as if the young generation in Germany has not learned from the past," said Munich's chief rabbi Yitzhak Ehrenberg. "I hope that these youngsters will be brought here to be told of the past, so that it never returns."

Previous monuments labelled the killers as fascists, and their victims as anti-fascists.

The federal minister for family and senior citizens, Hannelore Ronsch, condemned attempts to play down the Holocaust in Germany. "We must face our history and feel responsible for it," she said. "We will not surrender to violence [again]."

The unveiling coincided with the 55th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the deportation of some 10,000 German and Austrian Jews who were brought to Buchenwald during the night of Nov. 9, 1938.

Jews comprised the largest number of the camp's 56,549 victims but East Germany "didn't recognize the Jews as a nationality — only as a religion," said John Ranz, chair of the New York-based Survivors of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp and a teacher at Brooklyn College.

"No Jewish monument was built there because we were classified as members of those nationalities from where we came from," he said.

The omission was largely unnoticed until March 1989, when *The New York Times* reported that the government memorial at the site "does not commemorate the victims for what they were, and it denies to the United States recognition for having liberated Buchenwald."

The camp, in the northeast German state of Thuringia, was liberated under Gen. George Patton's command on April 11, 1945.

Of the 2,000 Jews who survived the camp, 1,000 were children, saved by soldiers and prisoners alike. Among them were Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi of Israel Yisrael Meir Lau, and his brother, former Israeli U.N. Ambassador Naftali Lavi.

"I still recall the visions of horror in this inferno," Lavi said at the ceremony. "I still see before me friends being carried to the crematorium."

After the *New York Times'* article appeared, Workmen's Circle, a fraternal Jewish socialist organization, lodged a protest with the East German government asking for "immediate rectification" of the matter.

Archeological search angers Palestinians

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Sixteen archeological teams, some using rappeling equipment on sheer cliff faces, last weekend began a massive sweep of Judean Desert caves in a search for ancient scrolls and artefacts.

The search has riled some Palestinians, who called it a last-minute operation before the area comes under Palestinian self-rule.

The search is being conducted by the Antiquities Authority in the hope that ancient documents may have been overlooked by the archeological teams and Bedouins who have scoured the area for close to half a century in search of remaining Dead Sea Scrolls.

The teams are to search hundreds of caves during the next few weeks.

Authority head Amir Drori is personally supervising the operation from a base camp at Qumran, where most of the Dead Sea Scrolls are believed to have been written some 2,000 years ago.

Portions of the famous scrolls were discovered in caves in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Some of the archeologists took special courses in rappeling to prepare for the search.

An authority spokeswoman said the operation "has no connection with political events," but had been in the planning for years. Budgetary problems that had delayed the operation had now been overcome, she said.

It is generally assumed, however, that the timing of the expedition is connected to the pending inclusion of much of the desert area within the Palestinian autonomous region.

The question of archeological excavations within the autonomous area during the five-year interim period is on the agenda of the talks between Israel and the PLO.

MK Anat Maor of Meretz has called on the government not to conduct excavations in the soon-to-be-autonomous areas without coordination with the relevant Palestinian authorities.

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Ethiopia wants end to aliyah activities

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Ethiopian government has asked Israel to cease its aliyah activities in Addis Ababa on behalf of the Falash Mora — Ethiopian Christians who are converted from or are descendants of converts from Judaism.

A senior government official has formally advised the Israeli embassy in the Ethiopian capital that Israel's activities among the Falash Mora constitute a serious infringement of Ethiopian sovereignty, according to a report in the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*.

The official reportedly said the Ethiopian government considers the Falash Mora to be full Ethiopian citizens and subjects.

The Israelis have been working with the Falash Mora after agonizing debates about whether Israel should bring Christians to live here and under what circumstances.

The Israeli government decided to bring those Falash Mora who have direct family ties to Ethiopian Jews now living in Israel. Efforts are being made to bring the Falash Mora back to Judaism.

According to the newspaper report, a harsh conversation took place this week between an Ethiopian official, Hassan Shiffa, and Guy Ravid, the Israeli official in charge of working with the Falash Mora.

The Ethiopian official complained about ad hoc Israeli missions going to Addis Ababa and the province of Gondar on behalf of Israeli immigration and absorption authorities to check immigration applications by Falash Mora.

"We cannot accept that a foreign government determines the nationality of Ethiopian citizens," Shiffa reportedly said.

Ha'aretz described Shiffa as the strongman of the current Ethiopian government.

The newspaper reported that Foreign Ministry sources think this turn of events can be attributed to a particular incident that took place during an Interior Ministry mission some weeks ago.

Shiffa reportedly told Ravid that the Falash Mora problem is not limited to the 130-odd families who have so far moved to Israel, but that it "could affect millions of people."

There have been reports that tremendous numbers of Ethiopians believe themselves to be descendants of Jews and would like the same considerations that the Falash Mora are receiving.

Arafat fails to placate many angry Israelis

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"Arafat's silence until now could only have been interpreted by Palestinians of all factions as consent to continuing terrorism," maintained the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot*. "Had the PLO chairman condemned the first attacks he might well have prevented subsequent ones."

Arafat's long-awaited condemnation — issued in clear, unequivocal language — was lauded by many as a historic first. "It is significant because until now he has never condemned any act of terror," noted Tel Aviv University terrorism expert Dr. Ariel Merari.

The timing of the denunciation was also considered significant. It coincided with the opening of Fatah's Revolutionary Council meeting in Tunis, a gathering of the most important members of Arafat's faction.

But the PLO chairman's words have failed to placate most Israelis. "If Arafat cannot even control the members of his own faction, then why is the government negotiating with him at all?" demanded opposition leader Benyamin Netanyahu, echoing a question asked even by government supporters.

Palestinian leaders respond that they cannot be expected to enforce law and order until they have their own police force. "Until the area is in our control, we do not have the means to prevent terror attacks," argued Jamil Tarifi, a member of the Palestinian negotiating team.

But Shetreet rejects this argument. "The challenge for the PLO is to show that they can exert their influence now," he said. "The Palestinian man on the street must be restrained by social norms and not just by police. If the appropriate atmosphere does not exist, then not even 13,000 police will be able to exert control over those who advocate violence."

One of the Fatah members arrested for the Mizrahi murder is the son of Samir Shahada, a well-known Fatah leader slated for a high position in the interim government in the territories. "If a father can't control his own son," said observers, "then how is Arafat going to control an entire faction, let alone an entire people?"

He will have to find some way to do just that because Israelis are getting fed up. A poll conducted for Kol Israel radio found that of the 5,000 callers to a talk show hotline, 89 per cent felt Arafat's denunciation was insufficient to justify a continuation of the peace process.

"What price do we have to pay for this peace?" demanded Shlomit, one of many irate callers. "How many more Jews have to die before the government realizes that this is not the right partner for negotiations?"

Even Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, an outspoken left-winger, felt Arafat's words were insufficient. "It's not enough to condemn the violence," said Sarid. "The PLO will have to show that they have control over their people. I think they have begun to realize that acts like the Mizrahi murder could snap the branch of the tree on which they are seated."

Arson guts synagogue

SYDNEY (JTA) — Sydney's second-oldest synagogue was badly damaged by arson last week as Jews and Christians around the world were commemorating Kristallnacht.

The damage to the historic Newtown Synagogue in Sydney's western suburbs was extensive, with one observer saying the synagogue had been "almost completely gutted."

Although the heat of the fire was so great that a lamp on the bimah melted, the ark itself was not burnt and six Torah scrolls escaped damage by inches.

Robert Klarnet, public affairs director for the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, said that it was "either a cruel coincidence or deliberate action" that the fire occurred 55 years to the day after Kristallnacht, the Nazi "Night of Broken Glass" that took place in Germany Nov. 9-10, 1938.

The fire is the most serious incident recorded by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry this year and the worst since early 1991, when five Sydney synagogues were damaged by arson attacks.

The perpetrators of the 1991 attacks have not been apprehended.

The Newtown synagogue was refurbished and restored to its original state only four years ago, and the synagogue executive have vowed to "rectify the situation as soon as possible."

The congregation has also vowed to hold services in the hall attached to the synagogue regardless of the damage.

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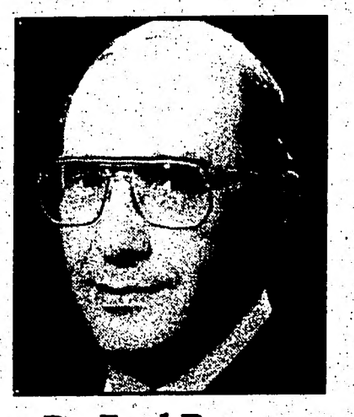

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Peace negotiator says accord a violation of key principles

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The "odds are" that the Israel-PLO peace accord signed in Washington will fail, and "all of us, left, right and centre, will pay the price," a leading Israeli peace negotiator warned here last week.

Although he said he tries to avoid criticizing the Israeli government while abroad, Yosef Ben-Aharon, who led Israel's delegation to the Madrid round of peace talks with Syria, delivered an excoriating view of the Sept. 13 peace pact signed on the White House lawn.

Already, Ben-Aharon told a luncheon sponsored by Ohr Somayach Thornhill, there is a movement within the Likud opposition to renounce the agreement. The word "reversal," he said, is slowly creeping into Israelis' vocabulary, especially in light of the murder by Arab extremists of 10 Israeli Jews since the deal was signed.

Ben-Aharon, who was a senior advisor to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said current leader Yitzhak Rabin "has embarked on a course fraught with risks. And the course is mistaken."

The Labor government "has violated or is in the process of violating every one of the six principles" Israel adopted following the 1967 Six-Day War.

Those principles were: no return to the pre-'67 boundaries, no Palestinian state in the territories, no negotiations with the PLO, no withdrawal from the Golan Heights, no negotiating the status of Jerusalem and no talks on the return of so-called diaspora Palestinians — those who fled or were expelled in 1948 and 1967.

Rabin has put every one of those on the table "and the extent of the violations is mind-boggling."

Ben-Aharon charged Rabin with "abandoning the security of Israel.

"Israel gave [PLO leader Yasser] Arafat everything he wanted: to gain international recognition and legitimacy and to [potentially] set foot on Palestinian soil.

"Israel got nothing in return except recognition from the PLO. Who needs recogntion from the PLO?"

Where Rabin failed most, Ben-Aharon claimed, was his failure prior to the deal to test Arafat's ability at controlling his PLO factions and his failure to prove Arafat "is no longer the lying, double-crossing assassin he always was."

And by recognizing the PLO, Rabin "recognized an Arab-Palestinian state in the making," one that will deliver 1.6 million Arabs into the hands of the PLO.

Of the 12 factions associated with the PLO, 10 have declared opposition to the deal with Israel "to the death."

Add to them the radical groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and several Arab nations committed to Israel's destruction, and it's no wonder "at least" half the Jewish state's population opposes the accord.

Ben-Aharon said he doubts elections will take place under Palestinian self-rule because they would lead to a "bloody civil war."

He called on Toronto Jewry to contribute to charities that raise funds for Jewish settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza "because settlements are an obstacle to this deal, and the Arabs know that."

Yosef Ben-Aharon

Majority of Jewish vote credited for New York mayor's victory

By STEWART AIN
[The Jewish Week]

NEW YORK — Jewish voters are being credited with helping Rudolph Giuliani become the first Republican to be elected mayor of New York City since 1965, rallying behind him in larger numbers than virtually any other group in the city in the closest mayoral race in a century.

News media analyses of the exit polls showed that Giuliani received from 60 to 67 percent of the Jewish vote.

Exit polls found that only 4 percent of the voters questioned considered incumbent Mayor David Dinkins' handling of the Crown Heights riots to have been a major factor in their vote.

The riots in August 1991 occurred after a car driven by a chassidic man accidentally struck and killed a 7-year-old black child, Gavin Cato. His death sparked four days of violence in the mixed Jewish and black enclave of Brooklyn.

During the riots, Yankel Rosenbaum, an Australian yeshiva scholar, was knifed to death after a group chased him, yelling, "Kill the Jew." The man charged in his death was acquitted.

Among the findings of a state report on the riots was that Dinkins had been remiss in giving directions to the police to quell the disturbances.

The riots' impact on Jewish voters was not immediately available, but several observers expressed surprise that Crown Heights had not hurt Dinkins more.

Michael Miller, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, said the vote's results "send a message to our friends in Crown Heights that New Yorkers as a whole factor in many elements in deciding whom to vote for.

"Such things as crime, drugs, housing, education and homelessness are the issues that decided this race," Miller said.

Orthodox vote up

He added that the Jewish community has had a "long-standing relationship" with Giuliani, a tough former Manhattan district attoney.

On the Upper West Side, which is composed of largely liberal, younger and more assimilated Jews, Dinkins received 62 percent of the vote there this year, compared with 60 percent four years ago.

In contrast, Jews on the Lower East Side who are generally older, from union families and more observant, increased their vote for Giuliani. Four years ago they gave him 72 percent of the vote; this year they gave him 81 percent.

Crown Heights, heart of the Lubavitch community, appears to have been a factor in several fervently Orthodox communities. In both Crown Heights and the Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn, the vote for Giuliani more than doubled — increasing from 45 percent in 1989 to a whopping 97 percent.

In Williamsburg, home to the Satmar community, the percentage of Jews who voted this year increased from 61.5 percent in 1989 to 74.3 percent.

In Borough Park, Giuliani received 97 percent of the vote, compared to 87 percent four years ago. The percentage of Jews who voted there dropped slightly from 79 percent to 75 percent.

Jews comprised 18 percent of the overall vote this year, compared to 17 percent in 1989. The black vote remained constant at 28 percent.

About 1.7 million New Yorkers voted this year, a figure that was down by about 100,000 votes from 1989. And although it had been widely thought that the Crown Heights issue would have increased the percentage of Jewish voters, there was a slight drop in the number who actually went to the polls.

One analyst suggested that fewer Jews voted because Jews generally dislike negative campaigns.

This year's was among the ugliest, with the race issue being injected by everyone from a policeman who said Hispanics should not vote for Herman Badillo, the Republican-Liberal candidate for city comptroller, because he married a Jew, to President Bill Clinton, who suggested that some whites would not vote for Dinkins because he is black.

A longtime Dinkins supporter and friend, Stuart Shorenstein, observed that "the fact that the overall numbers didn't change certainly suggests that the mayor was not abandoned by the Jewish community and that the Jewish community did not feel the mayor abandoned them."

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The News in Brief

BBC Meets Czech Leaders

PRAGUE — Legislation will soon be passed permitting the return of property to the Jewish community, the chancellor of the Czech Republic told three visiting representatives of B'nai Brith Canada last week. Lubos Dobrovsky, in an hour-long meeting with the BBC leaders, also discussed the growth of intolerance. BBC president Gabriel Nachman, executive vice-president Frank Dimant and Brian Morris, chair of the institute for international affairs, also met members of the Jewish community, the prime minister's office, human rights groups and Gypsy representatives. Last month, the neighboring Slovakian parliament passed a law that will return public and communal Jewish properties to Jewish organizations and communities throughout the country. It was the first time an east European government recognized the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO) as the legal heir of Jewish communal property in that country.

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Jonathan Pollard Lobby Day

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of supporters of Jonathan Pollard descended on Washington last week to urge the Clinton administration to commute Pollard's life sentence for spying for Israel. In an event dubbed International Jonathan Pollard Lobby Day, about 500 Pollard supporters met with members of Congress and the Israeli ambassador, Itamar Rabinovich, in an effort to free the former civilian Navy intelligence analyst. Speakers, including several members of Congress, encouraged the assembled Americans and Canadians to keep pushing for Pollard's release. The events were sponsored by the Vancouver chapter of Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard and the Coalition for Jewish Concerns-Amcha.

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Rabbi Weiss Sues Glemp Again

NEW YORK — Cardinal Jozef Glemp, head of Poland's Catholic Church, is again being sued for defamation by Avi Weiss, the New York activist rabbi. Glemp, on his first trip back to the United States since 1991, was visiting Polish communities in the Seattle area last month when he was served with legal papers related to Rabbi Weiss' lawsuit. The rabbi contends Glemp slandered him in a 1989 homily. In that sermon, the Polish prelate said the Bronx rabbi had been trying to kill a group of Carmelite nuns living in a convent at the perimeter of the Auschwitz death camp when Rabbi Weiss and six followers demonstrated there in July 1989. Rabbi Weiss first sued Glemp for libel in 1989, but the suit was dismissed in March 1992. A separate slander suit the rabbi brought against Glemp, this one in Poland in November 1989, was also dismissed.

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JDC Assured on Azeri Jews

NEW YORK — The Jews of Azerbaijan have full freedom of religion, the republic's president, Heydar Aliyev, assured a visiting delegation this week. That message, to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, was reinforced in a meeting with the chief Muslim cleric of the former Soviet republic, which is largely Muslim and borders Iran. "Any relations that Azerbaijan may develop with Iran will not effect the friendly relations with the Jews of Azerbaijan," the cleric, Hadj Alla Pashazade, reportedly said. The JDC helps support two synagogues in the capital city of Baku, as well as the central Club of Jewish Culture, Club Aleph. Since 1989, 16,000 Jews have left the country for Israel, but 30,000 remain.

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Croatian Jews in Fear

NEW YORK — Fearing a resurrection of the country's fascist past, the Jewish community in Croatia has sent a letter to the country's president urging him to affirm Croatia's democratic traditions. In the two years since Croatia broke away from Yugoslavia and became an independent republic, President Franjo Tudjman has initiated steps designed to bolster his support among the country's nationalists. But according to Tudjman's critics, his attempts to instill patriotic pride have gone too far, resulting in a program that is officially rehabilitating the fascist Ustashe regime, which governed the country during World War II. Ognjen Kraus, the president of the Jewish community in the Croatian capital of Zagreb, last month sent a letter on behalf of the country's Jews to Tudjman, asking him to take steps to reverse what many in the country consider a frightening trend.

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Boycott's Effects Examined

WASHINGTON — In a move hailed by the Jewish community, the Clinton administration has ordered the first government study on what effect the Arab economic boycott against Israel is having on U.S. companies. The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, last week asked the U.S. International Trade Commission to conduct a "carefully researched assessment of the impact of the boycott on U.S. firms."

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Nazi Leader Beaten Up

BONN — The leader of one of Germany's largest neo-Nazi parties had his teeth kicked out and bones broken by left-wing radicals who beat him up in downtown Bonn. Police said Friedhelm Busse, leader of the far-right Free German Workers' Party (FAP) was recognized by a group of radicals and brutally attacked recently. The 73-year-old Busse, whose party the government is trying to suppress for propagating Nazi ideology, was taken to the hospital with bad bruising, broken bones in one foot, and minus several teeth. A police statement said Busse had been walking through Bonn's shopping district when he passed a stall set up by the anti-fascist ANTIFA organization. "It was extremely unwise of the far-right leader to visit the ANTIFA information stand, where he was most probably recognized," the statement said.

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Bubis Leads Kristallnacht March

DACHAU — Marking the 55th anniversary of Kristallnacht — the start of open persecution of Jews by the Nazis — Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Jewish community, led a procession earlier this month through the site of the concentration camp at Dachau. It was on Nov. 9, 1938 that the Nazis burned and plundered synagogues and property, leaving the streets littered with broken glass that gave the night its name. More than 90 Jews were killed and 30,000 arrested. The violence was a prelude to the Holocaust. Bubis marched at the head of a column of 1,000 people, who filed silently past the burning candles at the site of the former concentration camp. At a news conference later, Bubis criticized the way Germany has handled the neo-Nazi resurgence. About 4,800 far-right attacks have been reported in Germany since 1991, with 26 deaths.

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Holocaust Denier Arrested

MANNHEIM — A leading American Holocaust-denier, Fred Leuchter, has been arrested in Germany for inciting racial hatred and denigrating Nazi death camp victims. Leuchter was arrested as he was about to appear on a television talk show. The 51-year-old Boston resident claims to be an engineer and a gas chamber expert. But he was discredited during the Ernst Zundel Holocaust-denial trial in Toronto when he admitted he had no engineering degree and when the judge refused to accept him as an expert witness. In a later U.S. case, he agreed he would not hold himself out as an engineer. Nevertheless, his "engineering report," prepared for Zundel's trial, is touted by neo-Nazis as offering scientific proof of the impossibility of gas chambers. The charges against Leuchter carry a maximum sentence of five years in jail.

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Mitterrand Won't Honor Petain

PARIS — Responding to a large outcry from Holocaust survivors and World War II veterans, French President Francois Mitterrand has officially announced that he will no longer lay a wreath at the tomb of Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain. The ongoing plans to annually honor Petain, a hero of World War I but a villain in the collaborationist Vichy government of World War II, had stoked increased anger throughout France. Ceremonies were held throughout France last Thursday for the annual observance of the World War I armistice.

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Spanish Royal Visit

JERUSALEM — In what was perhaps the highlight of his three-day visit to Israel, King Juan Carlos of Spain addressed the Knesset last week, making what observers here described as an outspoken political speech. In his speech, Juan Carlos, on his first trip to Israel, congratulated the country on its breakthrough toward peace with the Palestinians. He recalled that the "first step" had been taken in his own capital, in November 1991, with the convening of the Madrid conference on Middle East peace. The king's visit is the first ever by a ruling European monarch. Juan Carlos signed joint Israeli-Spanish economic agreements intended to ease the strains that have marred relations between the two countries in the past.

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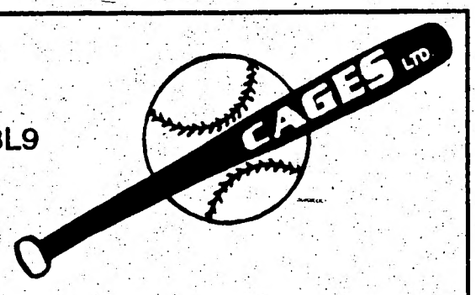

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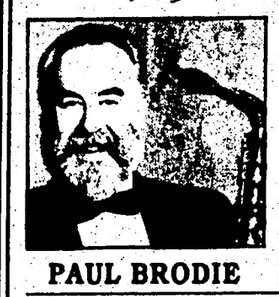

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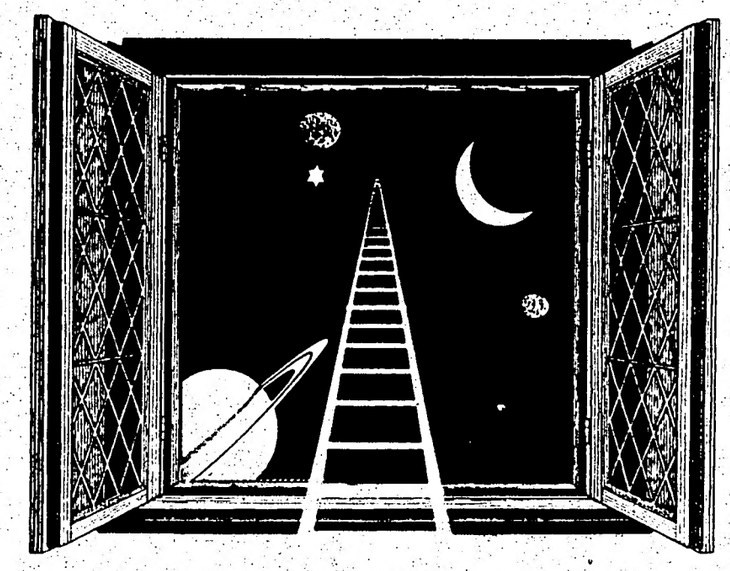

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Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI RON AIGEN

Jacob's career is most intriguing to us, perhaps because he seems the most human of the patriarchs. Jacob is the "everyman;" he displays the same human foibles many of us experience — deceit, anger, and fear. And yet, it is Jacob who becomes the heroic "Israel," "the one who wrestles with both human and Divine and prevails." Jacob thus represents for us the patriarch with whom we can most readily identify. He is neither Abraham, that first-generation spiritual giant, nor is he Isaac, the second-generation descendant whose identity is forever overshadowed by his parent's generation. Jacob is his own person; humanly flawed but striving for spiritual greatness.

In this week's Torah portion, *Vayetzei*, Jacob is leaving home. This is a major move in Jacob's life, and as with all such transitions there is some fear of the unknown and anxiety about the future. Jacob's story holds importance to us both individually and collectively for the wisdom it can impart to us about facing the future.

Jacob sets out to find a place for himself in the world. That is highlighted by the use of the Hebrew word *Makom*, "place," three times in the second verse of our portion. "He came upon a certain *place* and stopped there for the night for the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of that *place*, he put it under his head and lay down in that *place*."

According to Rashi, the sun had not yet set, but nevertheless Jacob felt darkness all around him. Jacob's search for place is clearly understood to be a spiritual quest, leading him back to the *place* toward which his ancestors, Abraham and Isaac together had set out, Mt. Moriah. "On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the *place* from afar." (Gen. 22:3-4) As he sets out to find his own place in the world, Jacob first gains his bearings by reconnecting with the spiritual grounding of his father and grandfather. Only this kind of place can dispel the darkness he experiences.

In addition to alluding to the site of the Akedah, *Ha-makom* in the rabbinic imagination connotes another name for God — THE GROUND OF BEING. Clearly, Jacob is in search of more than just another place to rest his head. The emphasis upon place reaches a climax at the conclusion of his well-known dream sequence of Jacob's ladder which now follows.

That ladder that reaches up to heaven, with angels ascending and descending. What a wonderful metaphor for a spiritual quest. Remember that Jacob is running away from his brother Esau, perhaps self-doubting, perhaps fearful. But he dreams of reaching to heaven. Jacob is a spiritual climber! We notice, however, that Jacob's ladder is planted firmly on the ground and that the angels are first going up before they descend from heaven. Futhermore, when he awakens, God is standing right there next to him.

It is as if to say that his true spiritual strength, his Ground of Being, *Hamakom*, is always right there beside him. "Surely the Eternal One is present in this place, and I did not know it! He was afraid, and he said, 'How awesome is this place.' And he named that place Bethel."

But even after he had discovered God's presence, Jacob was afraid. What exactly did Jacob fear? Noting that the divine beings first ascended from earth before they came down from the heavens, the rabbis created several midrashic legends by way of explanation.

The angels, say the rabbis, were the spirit of the nations, Babylonia, Persia, Greece and Rome. Each of these nations ascended as political powers, but then suffered defeat. Jacob, according to this rabbinic legend, fears that he (Israel), too, will disappear from history. God tells him in the dream that if you never climb the ladder, you will never know whether or not you will succeed. Jacob, fearing the risk of failure, chose not to ascend. The legend then concludes with a rebuke from God. " 'Had you ascended and believed, you would have succeeded. Since you did not have faith, your children will be enslaved by these four kingdoms.' 'Forever?' asks Jacob. 'No, you will not be completely destroyed. I will eventually redeem you from exile'."

The midrash of the rabbis are powerful legends because they convey to us the eternal concerns which we share as a people. Which generation of Jews has not been concerned with its continued survival? What the rabbis convey to us in their interpretation of Jacob's dream is that we too should be spiritual climbers. We too share in the dream of Jacob's ladder, and knowing that God is at our side can climb the rungs of spiritual greatness, that "all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by us and our descendants."

Rabbi Ron Aigen is spiritual leader of Congregation Dorshei-Emet — The Reconstructionist Synagogue of Montreal.

Orthodox rabbis launch protest

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A group of 150 North American Orthodox rabbis has come to Israel on what is being called an "emergency mission" to protest the Israeli government's policies in the peace process.

The U.S. and Canadian rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA), are launching their protest campaign with a group of Israeli rabbis in what they say is a "first-ever joint effort" of its kind.

The head of the delegation, Rabbi Moshe Gorelik of New York, has warned that as a result of the government's policies, some congregants in synagogues affiliated with the RCA are beginning to change the way they donate money to Israel.

Rabbi Gorelik, who is president of the RCA, said some Orthodox Jews are shifting their money away from traditional channels, such as the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds, and are beginning to donate to private foundations that funnel money to the territories.

The rabbis were planning to meet here this week to adopt a strategy to protect the Jews in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to discuss the unified status of Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty.

"We are deeply troubled by the direction" the accord between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel "is taking regarding Jewish residents and communities in the territories," Rabbi Gorelik said.

Rabbi Gorelik defended the involvement of American and Canadian rabbis in Israel's internal affairs, saying their children and those of their congregants live in the areas made vulnerable by the government's policies.

"They (the children) came at the express invitation of the Israeli government and with our blessings, and we are entitled to clear-cut answers about their fate."

Front Line

Soviet Jews: Where should they go?

"There is Israel, if they feel they must leave..."

By SEYMOUR REICH

It is time for re-evaluation of the practice and formula under which an estimated 40,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union are admitted annually to the United States as refugees. The issue is one that demands discussion and debate in the Jewish community.

With the fall of communism and the recent victory of Boris Yeltsin over nationalist forces in Russia, coupled with new prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the time has come to take another look at the traditional basis for admitting refugees from what was once the U.S.S.R.

The blunt fact is that Jews are taking places that might otherwise go to Bosnian victims of "ethnic cleansing" and other deserving refugees in flight from persecution in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Central America, Haita, Mozambique, Tibet and other lands.

There are thousands of people being persecuted in these countries who have no place to turn. For Russian Jews, however, there is Israel. If they feel they must leave, they have a land to go to that will immediately accept them and make them citizens on the day they enter the country.

Changes in the refugee system are clearly being contemplated by the Clinton administration. At Congressional hearings last month, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, director of the Bureau for Refugee Programs, proposed authorization for 55,000 refugees to enter the United States from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe during fiscal 1994.

At the hearing, questions were raised about the presumption that all applicants from the former Soviet Union should be considered refugees. Ambassador Zimmerman, speaking for the administration, acknowledged the need "to bring the Soviet refugee admissions program into conformity with emerging realities in the former Soviet Union." Secretary Christopher said the situation in the Soviet Union was "rapidly changing in the right direction of greater freedom and less persecution."

As a result, Secretary Christopher said, "I would expect over the next couple of years to have quite a dramatic change" in the refugee situation in the former Soviet Union.

That change is based on the assumption — which I share — that President Boris Yeltsin will remain at the helm of the Russian Federation and that his democratic policies will continue. The situation in Russia is far different today from what it was when the refugee numbers were originally drawn up. In Russia itself there is no longer government-supported anti-Semitism and there are no anti-Semites making government policy. President Yeltsin, in consolidating his power, has closed down *Pravda* and *Sovietskaya Russiya* — two newspapers that in recent years opened their columns to blood libels, the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and other anti-Semitic propaganda. The notorious anti-Semitic organizations Pamyat and the National Salvation Front, which incited violence against Jews, have now been outlawed.

And there are no restrictions on emigration.

This is not to say that anti-Semitism no longer exists in Russia, nor that hatred of Jews has disappeared from the scene. But for the first time in Russian history, the government is on the side of the Jewish community, not against it.

It is of course true that in the new independent states like Georgia and Azerbaijan find themselves trapped and endangered by local civil wars, thus posing a serious threat to their survival. But they too have a place to go. Recently more than 1,000 Jews from the Georgian city of Sukhumi were evacuated to Israel, which is eager to take them.

Aliyah a real option

For those who want to live an intensive Jewish life or share the adventure of building up the Land of Israel, emigration to the Jewish state is a real option. Moreover, a whole new economic, political and security situation is dawning in Israel and the Middle East, offering vast new opportunities as the prospect of Arab-Israel peace looms.

In my judgment, following President Yeltsin's victory, the Jews of Russia can no longer claim to be victims of government persecution who automatically deserve the status of refugees for entry into the United States. In any case, I believe the time has come for the American Jewish community to re-examine the way our society decides who — and how many — shall be admitted as refugees.

I am raising the issue now, with Congressional action completed for fiscal year 1994, in order to launch a discussion within the Jewish community and give all sides time to present their views before the issue is decided for fiscal 1995. That, I believe, is a responsible and prudent course of action for the Jewish community to follow.

Seymour Reich is president of the American Zionist Movement. Reprinted with permission from The New York Jewish Week and Seymour Reich.

"There is ample reason for some to enter the U.S. as refugees..."

By CHARLES GOODMAN AND MARTIN KESSELHAUT

In his recent call to re-evaluate the current program of allowing Soviet Jews to resettle in this country as refugees, Seymour Reich, the president of the American Zionist Movement, has issued a statement that is filled with half-truths easily cast as facts.

In order for your readers to hold well-informed opinions, it is important for them to take the following information into consideration.

The Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), representing the organized American Jewish community, strongly support the underlying basis of the current program for the admission of Jews to the United States.

These three organizations — which are involved in an ongoing dialogue not only with the nearly 200 Jewish communities across the country which are resettling Soviet Jews but with a host of other communal and government agencies also involved in resettlement — believe that the facts and situation in the former Soviet Union (not only Russia) belie the conclusions drawn by Reich in his call for a re-evaluation of the admission of Jews from the ex-U.S.S.R. to the United States as refugees.

There is virtual unanimity among analysts of the former Soviet Union (FSU) that the recent events in Moscow signal a new phase of political and social volatility. And, consequently, this is exactly the wrong time to dismiss the ongoing crisis in the region in the name of "Yeltsin's victory." The situations in most other regions of the former Soviet Union are similarly volatile.

In fact, at recent Congressional hearings on Federal Fiscal Year 1994 (FFY94) refugee admissions, referred to by Reich, senior U.S. administration officials expressed hope for the eventual triumph of democracy, but in their oral testimony they urged caution when considering the future of the FSU program because of the ongoing political instability in numerous regions of the FSU.

As far as the American Jewish community is concerned, we believe the safety of our brethren in the FSU deserves an assessment that is independent of beliefs of where they should resettle. CJF, HIAS and NCSJ support a policy of resettlement that is based on a conclusion that there is ample reason for Jews to leave the FSU for Israel and for some to enter the United States as refugees.

Even so, refugee status for Jews arriving in the United States is not automatic. In order to qualify for the U.S. Refugee Program, applicants are screened so that priority is given to those with immediate relatives in the United States. Those who meet the criteria must then be adjudicated in full accordance with existing American law.

Moreover, there is absolutely no truth to the assertion that "Russian Jews are taking places that might otherwise go to deserving refugees from other countries." According to U.S. refugee policy, a reduction in the number of Jews to the United States in no way guarantees an increase in the number of admissions of any other refugee population.

Last year, in recognition of the worldwide refugee crisis, the American Jewish community demonstrated its preparedness to respond to the emergency needs of refugees in the former Yugoslavia by stating its willingness to transfer a portion of the numbers intended for the Soviet region for Bosnians. In fact — and unfortunately — the numbers were not utilized. We, as a community, intend to continue to be responsive and flexible in the face of emergencies, regardless of where they may occur.

HIAS' own recent testimony to Congress supported this view with a call for an overall increase in the admission of refugees to the United States for FFY94. This reflects not only the position of the organized Jewish community which HIAS represents, but the position of the coalition of national voluntary agencies involved in migration and resettlement issues with whom we closely coordinate our advocacy work.

Meanwhile, closer to home, the emigre community already in the United States has its own unique perspective that also must be heard. The Reich position is dismissive of their fears for their families remaining in the FSU. This will only serve to alienate the very people we, as the American Jewish community, are trying to embrace.

There are other dangers to challenging the validity of one dimension of the vast worldwide effort to rescue and resettle Soviet Jews, i.e., the admission of Jews to the United States as refugees. By doing so, Reich has inadvertently jeopardized the premise of other efforts on behalf of our Soviet brethren, such as the Jackson-Vanik Amendment and the millions of dollars in appropriations and guarantees for resettlement in Israel.

In these difficult and very uncertain times in the former Soviet Union, it is neither helpful to draw definite conclusions concerning the short and long-term status of the Jewish minority nor to isolate this issue from its much larger context.

Over the past few years, the single most significant effort of world Jewry has been the rescue and resettlement of hundreds of thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Union. This unprecedented effort has been motivated both by the concern for their physical safety and by the desire to preserve the largest remaining Jewish population in post-World War II Europe. With history still in the making, what is needed by our Soviet brethren is support and consensus, not further instability caused by our divisiveness.

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Election of BQ members unique in one way only

By ARNOLD AGES

The election to Parliament of more than 50 members from the Bloc Québécois is, from one point of view, an event without precedent and equal in Canadian history.

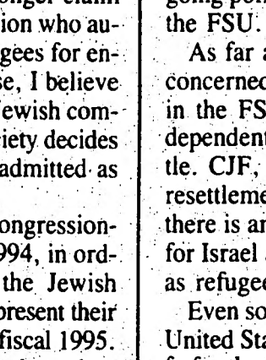
The real issue is not the unexpected size of the victory nor the stated purpose of the Bloquistes to use their mandate to advocate and protect Quebec's interests.

The victory of the Bloc Québécois has to be seen in the context of Canada's parliamentary system. Moreover, the precedent-setting success of the Bloquistes is unique in only one way.

In the history of Canada's parliaments there have always been political anomalies: the presence of a bloc which openly proclaims its intention of defending and protecting special interests, whether it be of a province or of a segment of the labor force — is not in and of itself unique.

It should be noted that the forerunner of the NDP, the CCF, as well as its current incarnation, have spent a great deal of energy in protecting the interests of workers and trade unionists. Social Credit MPs, coming from the West, also wanted to defend the interests of the constituencies they represented.

Nor should it be forgotten that Social Credit's stepson, the irresponsible Réal Caouette, argued for a long time, along with his band of supporters, on behalf of Quebec interests. One should add to these groups the alliance of Ontario farmers who formed a political party several decades ago to guarantee their own agricultural concerns.



Arnold Ages

In the wake of the 1993 vote what is unique, however, is that the party which will become the official opposition will have both considerable power and an agenda whose two main points are the defence of Quebec rights (nothing new or disturbing about that) — and the disengaging of Quebec from Canada.

This latter agenda item raises some considerable doubt about Mr. Bouchard's ability to function as Leader of the Opposition, since historically that role implies an obligation to protect the interests of all Canadian citizens and not only those who live in one province.

Traditionally that is the way the Leader of the Opposition uses his power — to watch over the rights of those who lack adequate representation in Ottawa.

Is it an exaggeration to point to the danger of a leader of the opposition who looks towards the dismantling of Canada while he pushes the sovereignty thesis? Some observers indicate that Quebecers who sent the Bloquistes to Ottawa do not necessarily endorse that thesis.

In this scenario, they merely wanted to guarantee themselves a voice in Parliament which would protect their interests. This interpretation lacks a certain plausibility because Quebecers could just as easily have guaranteed those interests by voting for Liberals from Quebec.

Mordecai Richler, a writer not known for hesitating to condemn Quebec chauvinism and racism, gave a talk recently at the Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa where he said that "Quebecers vote for separatism only when it doesn't count." What counts is the independence referendum that will be held in Quebec should the Péquistes win the next provincial election. Thus, the presence of the Bloquistes in our next Parliament is nothing to be afraid of. Thanks to Mordecai Richler's interpretation, Canadians will be able to sleep more peacefully.

Richler, of course, may be right. But before welcoming his honeyed and consoling advice it should be understood that the Bloquistes will have the power seriously to damage the work of the legislature if they decide to press exclusively for Quebec demands. A hint of that potential problem can be seen in Mr. Bouchard's claims for compensation in the matter of the cancellation of the helicopter contract by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

Luckily there will be a Liberal majority in Ottawa which can apply the brakes to the parochial excess expected from the Bloquistes. Mr. Chrétien will, nonetheless have to use great discretion, with that overwhelming majority of his, in wielding his power in order to neutralize Mr. Bouchard's aggressive tactics. Otherwise, he will fall into the trap being set for him by the Bloc Québécois and nurture that well-known Quebec grievance, to wit, that Quebecers cannot receive justice within the Canadian federation.

Let us hope that the Bloquistes might be a little inferior to their separatist ideology and that they pay attention to the real problems of this country — unemployment and worldwide industrial competition. The Bloquistes should also be reminded that in politics the quality of one's compromises is sometimes more important than the rigidity and purity of one's principles.

As the Chinese adage has it: "We are condemned to live in intereresting times."

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Canadian content

October and November are busy months for programming in the Canadian Jewish community. The period of the High Holidays dominates the Jewish calendar so thoroughly that all other events — adult education, fundraising, travel seminars, conferences and symposia — are postponed to the post-holiday season.

This explains the profusion of adult education classes and special programs which crowd the late October and November time slots. In the latter period, for example, Toronto Jews, along with other communities, will be commemorating Holocaust Education Week, Jewish Book Month and diverse synagogue offerings on various aspects of Judaism and Jewish civilization. In late fall the Jewish community is alive with intellectually stimulating activities.

This is to be applauded but there is one disquieting aspect to this cornucopia of offerings: the reliance, disproportionately it would seem, on non-Canadians for staffing the various lectureships and conferences highlighting aspects of Jewish religion, history and culture. An audit of synagogue programing in the major Canadian centres shows that the majority of scholars-in-residence and lecturers come from outside of Canada.

The absence of Canadian talent in the roster of advertised speakers appears all the more remarkable given the fact that Toronto's Book Fair as well as its Holocaust Week programs feature many Canadian Jews as speakers and participants in lectures, symposia and film presentations. Organizers of the Book Fair and Holocaust Education Week have invited non-Canadians to lecture, of course, but they have wisely included talented and knowledgeable Canadians as well.

Canadian Jews will not have reached maturity until they can focus adult education and other educational programs primarily around Canadian Jewish personalities. This is the only way Canadian Jews will be able to develop the self-esteem and respect needed to maintain a community's critical velocity.

Congratulations Toronto

Toronto has the distinction of being Canada's most populous city, the foyer for a multi-ethnic and religious society, the home of the world champion Blue Jays, the centre of the country's corporate elite, the television and publishing industries.

It is now, thanks to the exertions of Greg Gatenby, a literary entrepreneur (and author of a marvellous book on whales), also becoming the address for one of this continent's most exciting and original authors festivals. Held annually in October at Harbourfront Centre, the recently completed festival is now in its 14th season.

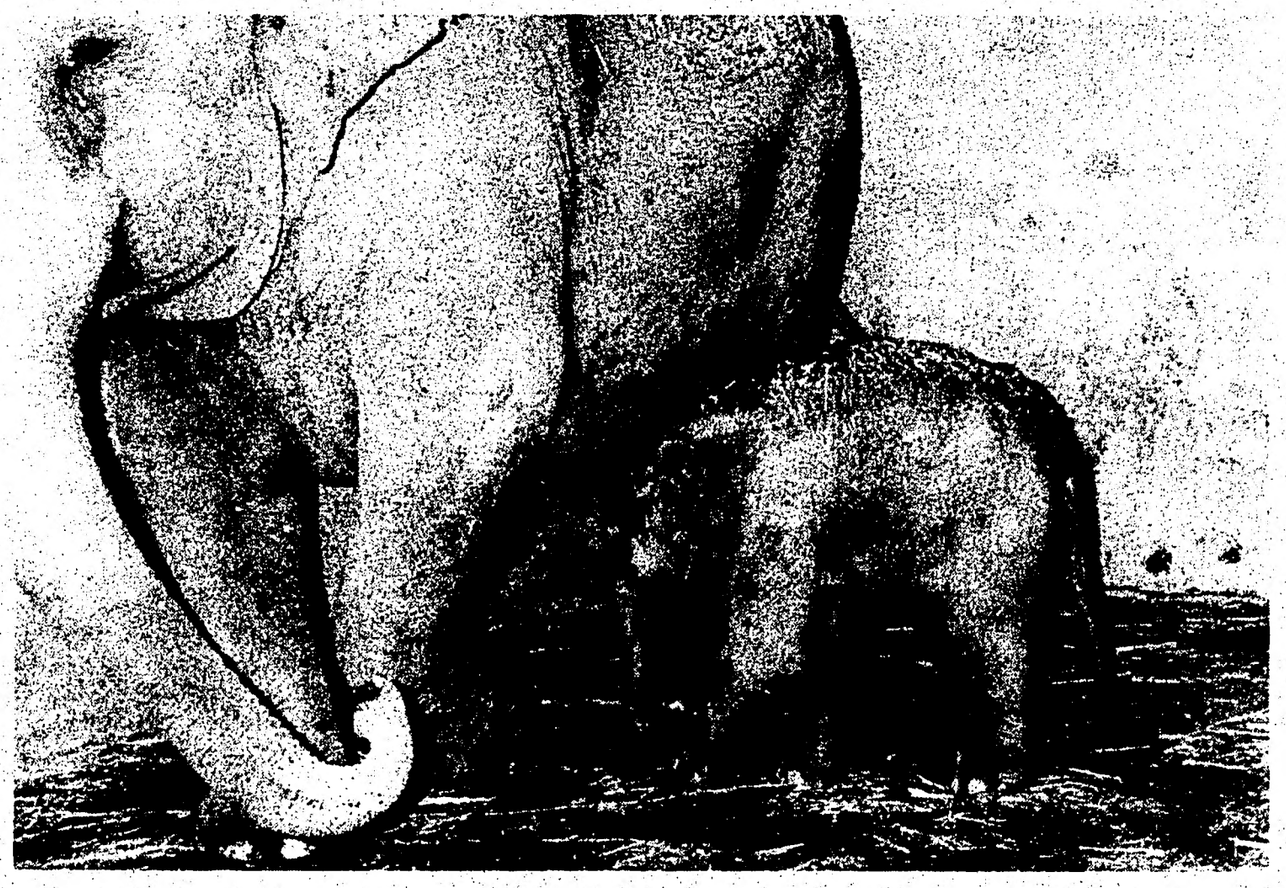
In a city where the Blue Jays, Argonauts and Maple Leafs tend to dominate the landscape, it is refreshing to learn that other names — Ignatieff, Atwood, Gallant, Callaghan, Seth and Rendell — are also associated with Toronto, as representatives of a large group of writers who read from their creative works at the Harbourfront venue.

Under Gattenby's tutelage the festival has become a unique Canadian institution in two ways: it provides an opportunity for Canadian wordsmiths to advertise their writing and reading talents; and it affords little-known writers from dozens of countries a chance to introduce Canadians to foreign literary gems.

The festival's approach is Gatenby's trademark: "I try as a Canadian to remind audiences that there is more to literary taste of the day, and new literature, than the New York and London literary axis would have you believe." To further its broad aims, the festival seeks literary talent "from far corners of the world."

This year's Harbourfront Authors Festival — which has not really been duplicated anywhere — featured writers from Canada, the United States, England, Ireland, Norway, India, Slovakia, Pakistan and Trinidad. Conference organizers, mindful of the entertainment quotient necessary to maintain audience interest, restricted readings to a maximum of 30 minutes.

Fifty years ago Toronto The Good was the provincial town that rolled up its sidewalks on Saturday night. Today, thanks, in part, to the Harbourfront Authors Festival, the city has joined New York and London as world class cosmopolitan centres.



BUNDLE OF JOY

Shalom, a 100 kg Indian elephant, was recently born in the Ramat Gan Safari Park. Proud mother was 34-year-old, 3½ ton Varda. Each year, only three to four elephants are successfully bred in captivity around the world. [Isranet photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

SHOW BOAT REVIEW

In his Oct. 28 review of *Show Boat*, Ben Rose states that parents of black children are justified in not wanting their children to see a show where blacks are shown "doing the most menial jobs, being sequestered in the balcony, and the target of discrimination by whites," even though this portrait is a true description for that time period. According to this argument, the parents of Jewish children should not want their children to see *Fiddler on the Roof*, since the Jews are shown as being victimized, abused and subservient even though this, too, is an accurate description for its time period.

Marty Papernick
Smooth Rock Falls, Ont.

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GIANT MENORAHS

Every year in your Dec. and Jan. issues you publish pictures that disturb me. Lubavitcher personnel stand proudly by giant menorahs they have installed on public buildings.

The use of any religious or ethnic symbols on public buildings is a backward step. We fight endlessly for the separation of church and state. Are we to overlook it temporarily? If we promote the menorah are we then free to object when other religious symbols are displayed publicly?

We can't have it both ways. We have fought prayers in public schools and we guard against discriminatory advertising. It's all in the same area of religious promotion.

The Lubavitcher are to be praised for their various efforts in promoting our religion, but putting menorahs on public buildings is not strengthening our Jewish people in this multicultural society.

Harvey Webber
Sydney, N.S.

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DEFENDS SHOW BOAT

Reading Ben Rose's review of *Show Boat* in the CJN, I realize my advanced age makes me incapable of comprehending "progressive thinking" in our Jewish community. I wrote hoping some of your readers can set me straight.

"It is not racist. . ." Rose admits about "Show Boat," "but it does show blacks doing the most menial jobs, being sequestered in the balcony, and the target of discrimination by whites. True or not to that period, is that what black parents want their children to see?"

But it seems to me that is exactly what black parents would want their children to see. Coming from a community that painstakingly passes down to our children more than 3,000 years of painful historical memories, why do we think blacks should forget theirs?

Perhaps, as well, a Reform rabbi who supports the position of one vocal faction in the black community will answer another question for me: does it help the black struggle for social equality to prevent the performance of a musical portraying the persecution of blacks by whites? I would have thought maximum exposure of this baleful history of white oppression could only further the blacks' demand for justice.

Show Boat was written in the 1920s when depriving American blacks of basic legal rights was taken for granted. More than two decades would pass before the Armed Forces were desegregated; more than three decades before the public schools were integrated; and more than four decades before blacks had equal rights to public accommodation.

In the face of this massive racism in American society, it was a Jewish composer (Kern) and a part-Jewish lyricist (Hammerstein) who created a musical drama that so sensitively portrays blacks as real human beings and white society as their oppressor.

Despite the current bias against *Show Boat*, I must confess I am still intensely proud of its creators.

Milton Harris

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WIFE-SLAPPING

I recently attended a screening of the film *Shuroo* at the Israel Film Festival in Toronto, where I was disgusted at the behaviour of the predominantly Israeli audience. While viewing four different scenes in the movie in which women were slapped by their husbands, nearly the whole audience was howling with laughter. Coincidently, a friend of mine viewed the same film in Boston, where the predominantly American audience did not laugh at the wife-beating scenes.

If Israelis are ready to laughingly accept wife-beating in the movies, one can imagine what they are ready to accept in their homes. This condoning of wife-beating answers the question: Is violence in the home a Jewish problem?

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BOYCOTT SYRIA AND IRAN

The euphoria and the wonderment of the historic handshake between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization Chair Yasser Arafat remains undiminished.

The reports of two attempts to kill Arafat and the shooting, stabbing and beating to death with stones of two or three Israeli hikers brings back the reality of the obstacles to be overcome.

After being taught for almost 50 years that Israelis are hated racists who deserve to die, it is really too much to expect millions of Arabs to consider it mere rhetoric to be waved away and forgotten by the grasping of two hands in a sign of trust and mutual respect.

It will take years and years to reverse that mindset and to replace it with tolerance and mutual understanding. Billions of dollars of foreign aid pouring into Gaza and the West Bank will help as the Arabs discover the overwhelming advantages of peace over war.

But money alone will be insufficient. As long as the United Nations and the United States permit countries like Syria and Lebanon to harbor the likes of Abu Nidal, and for countries like Iran to foster, finance and encourage terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and Hamas, no peace plan will work.

Economic and military sanctions brought totalitarian regimes like Libya and Iraq to their knees and the same affirmative action can be used against those outlaw states that nurture hate and violence. The means are available. It is only the will that is lacking.

Bert Raphael
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Being a rabbi is a good job despite its ranking

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

When I was young I knew a few rabbis, but I had no idea what kind of work they really did outside of the pulpit.

When I arrived in the New World I heard it said by some that rabbis only work one day a week, and by others that "being a rabbi is no job for a Jewish boy." Which then is it really?

I am grateful to the *National Jewish Post and Opinion* and its long-time editor, Gabriel Cohen, an old friend, for calling the reader's attention to a new book. It is entitled: *The Jobs-Rated Almanac*, produced by the publishers of the *World Almanac*. It ranks all major professions and ranks them from 1 (the best) to 250 (the worst). The figures which I am about to copy for you are for the year 1992.

The rankings are based on six factors, all of equal weight: environment, job outlook, stress, security, physical demands, and income. An NBA basketball player may make a fantastic income but in the overall scheme he ranks only 193. Everybody in the United States (or nearly everybody) wants to be president, but the job is rated as #241, one of the very worst. Best on the list is a software engineer, followed by an actuary, and a computer systems analyst.

Rabbi Plaut

Accountants are in sixth place, pharmacists in 11th, psychologists in 31st, attorneys in 51st, and physicians in general practice in 69th place. College professors rank at an even 100.

Rabbis are listed as number 133 and Catholic priests as 144, but Protestant ministers have apparently an all around better job, because they occupy the 38th place.

The average work week of a rabbi is listed as 52 hours, and their employment prospects are mediocre to poor. In the next decade, the book says, prospects will vary between the different branches of Judaism. "Orthodox rabbis will face the toughest competition for jobs as the number of new graduates from Orthodox schools increases. Many rabbis fail to win posts as heads of congregations and work in teaching or scholarly aspects in fields in which unemployment is high."

In the ranking of stress, rabbis stand at 194, a little worse than average — with more stress than Protestant ministers or Catholic priests. But rabbis are doing better than ministers of other denominations, especially if they serve large synagogues.

What is their outlook for their future? Better for ministers and priests than for rabbis. By the year 2005, their potential for salary growth and promotion will place them in the 151st rank. But they do better when it comes to various "perks and goodies," like availability of automobiles, housing subsidies, health and social club memberships and travel opportunities. In this category they ranked just below attorneys and hotel managers.

Figures, of course, don't tell the whole tale. The vast majority of rabbis don't worry about their ranking in the scales. They do want security and the opportunity to learn and teach. They meet the most wonderful people, they feel enriched by being of service, and they do what they love above all, to make the challenges of Judaism their life.

Looking back on my own life, being a rabbi was indeed a job for a Jewish boy and a very good one at that.

A practical Jewish response to television viewing

By RABBI GILA RUSKIN

What is a Jewish response to *Beavis and Butthead*, the tasteless, violent MTV show that is now the most popular program for kids? What can Judaism teach us about what *Newsweek* calls television's "Billion Dollar Battle to Insult Our Intelligence?" And what, in very practical terms, can Judaism teach us about TV?

About a year ago, I registered in Baltimore's Sinai Hospital's surgical waiting room. As I sat with about 30 other nervous patients, all contemplating their upcoming operation, a television set deprived us of the opportunity to utter a prayer, to gaze out the window in silence, to converse with a loved one. Instead, I was held captive to a mustachioed man hosting the degrading spectacle of three teenaged mothers who had left their babies in trash cans. As Geraldo blared loudly, the controls for the TV were out of our reach. I felt spiritually assaulted.

I pledged that day to spend more time and effort exploring TV's role in our society — and then to find a Jewish perspective toward this all-pervasive medium.

I talked with fellow parents and teachers about their rules for their kids' TV consumption. I gathered statistics: a typical child between 2- and 5-years-old watches 27 hours of TV a week. Average adults watch six hours a day. By the age of 12, the average child has viewed 8,000 murders on television.

And I diligently clipped articles and quotes about congressional hearings on violence in children's programming, such as this one from Leonard Eron, a University of Maryland psychologist: "There can no longer be any doubt that heavy exposure to televised violence is one of the causes of increased anti-social and aggressive behavior, crime and violence in our society."

But after all this research, I faced the inevitable: I would have to watch television myself, something I rarely did except for an occasional Orioles game or *Wheel of Fortune*.

So this year, during the aseret y'mai tshuvah, the 10 days of repentance, I turned on the TV at random hours of the day and night to speak about the subject at Yom Kippur. Here's a small sampling of what I saw: afternoon soap operas featuring naked couples in bed (usually married, but never to each other); primetime sitcoms with jokes about drugs, faked orgasms, condoms, vasectomies, menopause, ill-gotten money, scams and guns; morning talk shows about lesbian fantasies of housewives, employees who murdered their bosses, stepdaughters who married their stepfathers.

Certainly, there are worthwhile programs on television: news events, good movies, wholesome family entertainment, educational shows. But in general, television distorts and perverts much of what I hold sacred.

So what is a Jewish response to TV?

The human into which God breathed the spirit of life has been dragged through the mud of prime time, shot and stabbed, blown up and raped, defiled and degraded — all for our entertainment.

But let's face it: despite this, we are all probably going to watch some television. So I offer these guidelines to help us in our viewing:

How much TV should we watch — and when?

• Kedushah: Sanctification. Certain times are sacred and demand a television-free atmosphere. The obvious times are Shabbat and holidays. But there also is the family dinner, a time when we should be engaged in laughter and conversation and gratitude for the food we eat. Remember: In Judaism, time, not space, is holy. Even watching two hours a day of *I Love Lucy* or *Full House* while completely abstaining from watching any shows with violence is not a worthwhile use of our time.

• Talmud Torah: Study of Torah (and study of worthwhile texts in general). The television should always be off when household members are studying, doing homework or reading. It interferes with concentration and with the importance of study.

•Mitzvah: Commandments. Television dulls the capacity to feel pleasure and pain. Judaism commands us to appropriately indulge in sensual pleasures and to learn from the pain we experience. But by pushing a button on the front of our TV (or on our remote control), we get ways to avoid intimacy, community, action. The hours in which we could be feeding the hungry, honoring the elderly, enjoying our family, respecting our parents are instead filled with numbing inactivity.

What should we watch?

• V'shinantan l'vanekha: You shall teach your children. Parents are obligated to know what their children are watching. Force yourself to occasionally watch what your children watch so you know which shows are acceptable. Then lay down the law.

Most important is that you not give up. Just because your children watch TV at their friends' homes or when you are not in the house, consistently monitor what they do watch when you are home. One family I know had their TV adjusted so it could only receive images through the VCR — and then the parents monitored all the videos their children watched.

Also, you are your children's best role model, so be moderate about your own viewing.

• Kavannah: Intention. Be conscious about TV watching. Instead of automatically turning it on as soon as you get home, keep it in a room away from the action. I've heard about a father who put a lock on the family TV. To turn it on, the key had to be retrieved from a high shelf. While climbing to get it, the viewer would ask him or herself: Is this really worth the effort?

• Kibud ha-briyot: Honoring God's creatures. If a TV program is full of human degradation, turn it off. If you and your children are watching a series which usually meets your standards, but which suddenly becomes offensive or objectionable, turn it off.

Finally, three general rules for all TV-viewing:

• Humor does not have to humiliate or exploit others.

• Entertainment does not have to degrade others.

• Television is just an image on a screen. But we are created in the image of God.

(Rabbi Ruskin, spiritual leader at Chevrei Tzedek Congregation in Baltimore, originally wrote this column for the Baltimore Jewish Times.)

My daughter has found her 'bashert' in a puppy

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

We already have one dog, Freckles, a silky cocker spaniel with a genial disposition and auburn spots on her white muzzle. She has plumped out in middle age (but who of us hasn't?) and kindly tolerates the children, though she rarely seeks their company.

She knows what she likes: a scratch on the chest, a hearty dollop of dog food twice a day and a spot in the sun for naps. She is still a noisy, vigilant — if undiscriminating — watch dog. She barks enthusiastically at all night-time noises, not making any particular differentiation between nocturnal joggers and Jack the Ripper.

All of us love Freckles, but if she is anyone's dog in particular, she belongs to my husband. He doctors her ear infections, gives her vitamins and generally tends to her, as the rest of us enjoy the fruits of his labors.

If you'd asked me a month ago, I'd have told you that Freckles was dog enough for any family — particularly any family that also owns a parakeet — and that would have been the end of that.

But then, our oldest daughter, age 10, began talking about wanting a dog that was just hers, a little fluffy white dog, a girl dog, a lap dog, a sweet dog. A dog she would pick out herself. We listened to this, remembering friends who told us that pet ownership made their kids more responsible. We tabled it as something to discuss for Chanukah.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Now, the question is moot.

The last Friday in October, in the midst of Sabbath preparations, I ran to the dog groomer's to pick up Freckles, who was getting a trim. I chatted with the groomer, a convivial guy who knows a lot about dogs, and asked him, "Do you ever hear about any puppies? We're thinking about getting one for our daughter."

"Oh," he said, "I had one here about two weeks ago. We get a lot of abandoned kittens, but puppies only come along every now and then."

At that moment, the door to his shop opened. The vet's assistant from the clinic next door walked in and said, "Look what someone abandoned." In his arms was a tiny, fluffy, cocoa-colored, cotton ball of a puppy.

I looked at it. Bright brown eyes looked back at me. The miniature mutt poked his tiny nose into my hand and licked my fingers. This is the moment, my friend Mona tells me, when I must have momentarily lost consciousness.

I only needed one encouraging word from the groomer, urging me on. "Okay," I said, "I'll take him home, but just for the weekend."

Sure.

I fretted all the way home. My husband didn't yet know about this puppy, and hadn't completely bought into the whole puppy concept.

I didn't know what breed, or breeds, it was or how big it would grow (although it didn't seem destined to be enormous).

The puppy wasn't white and long haired; it was brown and black and tan and cream with puffy hair.

The puppy wasn't a girl.

And our daughter hadn't picked him out herself.

I parked the car and called her. "Come open the passenger door," I said.

"Why?"

"Because."

She opened the door. She looked at him. He looked at her. He cocked his head. She screamed, picked him up, and hasn't put him down since. That was that. So much for the snowy girl-puppy. The chocolatey brown puppy with the white socks and the white tip on his metronome of a tail was here to stay.

The encouraging word from the groomer echoes in my ears. "Well," he said, when I confronted my moment of decision concerning this highly coincidental puppy, "you know there's an old Japanese word for this: bashert."

Jews were not exiled till they separated into sects

Talmud Y.: Sanhedrin, 10:5

Features

Belarus: rebuilding a devastated community

Reporting from Minsk, Sheldon Kirshner surveys the Jewish community of Belarus.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The arduous task of rebuilding a Jewish community devastated by Nazism and Communism has only begun in newly-independent Belarus.

"Our culture was smashed," lamented Leonid Levin, a noted architect and president of the Belarus Union of Jewish Organizations and Communities. "Now we must rebuild. It would be a sin not to try."

The chief rabbi of Belarus, Yitzchok Wolpin, an American national who lives here with his wife and two young children, concurs.

"The community can be — and must be — rebuilt, though not like 70 years ago."

Known as Belorussia when it was a Soviet republic, Belarus is intimately connected with East European Jewish history. When Belorussia was in the czarist Pale of Settlement, fabled towns such as Minsk, Pinsk, Mogilov, Gomel, Bobruisk and Vitebsk were heavily Jewish.

Yiddish was widely spoken in Belorussia, and Minsk and other centres were hotbeds of Zionism, producing such luminaries as Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel; Zalman Shazar, one of his successors; Menachem Begin, the Likud prime minister; Kaddish Luz, a Speaker of the Knesset; and Shimon Peres, the current foreign minister, who revisited his birthplace in Vishnevo last year.

Bundist ideology and Chassidic theology thrived in Belorussia. The Karlin and Stolin rabbinic dynasties were exceedingly strong here.

After the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Belorussia had the highest concentration of Jews in the Soviet Union. During the 1920s and 1930s, Jews formed 8 percent and 6 percent of the population, respectively.

Under communism, synagogues were closed and Zionist movements silenced. However, a secular Jewish culture, based on Yiddish, was officially sanctioned until the late 1940s. With the murder of the famous Jewish actor and director, Solomon Mikhoels, in Minsk in 1948, Moscow signalled its intention to obliterate all forms of Jewish cultural expression.

By then, of course, the Nazis had already exterminated some 360,000 Jews — 37,000 of whom were brought to Minsk and environs in cattle cars from Western Europe. On Oct. 21, representatives of the Jewish community, Belarus government officials and foreign dignitaries marked the 50th anniversary of the destruction of the ghetto in Minsk.

"Belarus," said Israel's ambassador, Eliahu Valk, "was one big graveyard for Jews."

Today, Belarus — a nuclear-armed nation of 10 million inhabitants which declared its sovereignty slightly more than two years ago, when the Soviet Union was rapidly falling apart — is officially home to 121,000 Jews and perhaps twice as many of Jewish descent.

Minsk, the capital, has 36,000 Jews. There are 16,500 Jews in Gomel, 6,800 in Bobruisk, 6,000 in Mogilov, 4,000 in Vitebsk (the birthplace of painter Marc Chagall), and 1,000 each in Grodno, Pinsk and Brest.

Yacov Bassin, the vice-president of Minsk's community, reports there are 14 towns with a Jewish population of at least 1,000. But Jewish life in smaller centres is dying out through attrition and emigration, said Levin. For example, Slonim, with a pre-war population of 37,500, has been reduced to a rump of five Jews, all elderly.

As elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, the community has been revitalized by a cultural and religious revival of recent vintage, aided and abetted by, among others, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Reichmann family of Toronto.

The first above-ground, government-approved Jewish organization to emerge was the Minsk Union of Jewish Culture, which was established in 1988. Since then, many more groups have surfaced, notably the secularist Belarus Union of Jewish Organizations and Communities and the Judaic Religious Union, which is headed by a 48-year-old businessman named Boris Minkov.

Throughout Belarus, a country roughly the size of Kansas, 120 Jewish organizations and a handful of Jewish schools and newspapers have emerged in the past few years.

There are functioning synagogues in 13 cities and towns, including Borisov, Baranovich, Novy Polotzk, Mozir and Orsha, said Rabbi Wolpin, who was sent here by the Karlin-Stolin sect from Monsey, New York. But the glory days are doubtless gone. Before 1917, Minsk alone could boast of some 105 synagogues.

The sole working shul in Minsk, an old, refurbished but nevertheless dilapidated building without central heating or bathroom facilities, is clearly an embarrassment. "It's definitely not what we need," said Rabbi Wolpin, who said it was alternately a synagogue, then a warehouse and now once again a house of prayer.

Israeli ambassador Eliahu Valk.
[Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Rabbi Wolpin can take solace from the fact that, in January, congregants will move to a new building donated by the government. Within its premises will be a religious school and a mikvah.

But no one expects Minsk's old Choral Synagogue, a Russian drama theatre since 1948, ever to be returned.

"We have no chance, realistically, of getting it back," said Minkov, whose grandparents and brother perished in the Holocaust and whose father died in a Stalinist gulag. "Besides, it would be too costly to convert into a shul."

"If we take away the Russian theatre, even though the building is ours, it might cause problems," observed Rabbi Wolpin. Such as what? "Possibly anti-Semitism."

The government seems steadfast in its refusal to part with it. The president of Belarus, Stanislav Shushkevich, said as much in a meeting with American Jewish leaders in Washington last July.

To Bassin, a physician, this obduracy is anything but surprising. The government, he charged, has scarcely returned any nationalized property to the community.

Still, Levin believes that the government is seriously interested in helping the community rebuild itself. Belarus, he suggested, is loath to lose such an educated segment of its population.

Based on his conversations with senior government officials, Rabbi Wolpin is convinced that Belarus wants Jews to stay. "The foreign minister told me he's sorry Jews are emigrating. 'We're losing a lot of good people,' " he said. "And the president told me he wants Jews to feel at home here."

Yet, Rabbi Wolpin said, local authorities "are making problems." Minsk, for instance, refuses to return the old, plowed-over Jewish cemetery, and as a result, the community must bury its dead in a general cemetery. This is a particularly sensitive issue. In all of Belarus, there are 40 to 60 Jewish cemeteries, yet only several have been given back to their rightful owners.

"The government wants to assist Jews in developing their own cultural and religious life," acknowledged Valk. "But so far, there have been only solemn declarations not supported by deeds, the result of an inefficient, centralized system of government."

Analysts here point out that Belorussia was a conservative bastion in the old Soviet Union, and that the present parliament is dominated by Communists.

This state of affairs, perhaps, accounts for the fact that not a single non-Jewish school in Belarus offers courses on the Holocaust. During the Communist era, the Holocaust, as a Jewish tragedy, was consistently downplayed, partly to obscure the unpalatable reality that Belorussians collaborated with the Germans.

"There is nothing," complained Levin, referring to the absolute dearth of Holocaust courses in Belarus classrooms. "It's not fair that children aren't learning the truth." What accounts for the authorities' position? "They claim that not only Jews died during the German occupation."

In theory, Bassin commented, the government doesn't quarrel with the concept of Holocaust education. "Yet nothing is done."

Bassin, too, is incensed that while Ukraine's president, Leonid Kravchuk, issued a formal apology for the role of Ukrainian collaborators in the Holocaust, Shushkevich has held back. "This government does not recognize Jewish interests and questions," he declared.

Bassin, however, praised the Museum of World War II in Minsk for having mounted a special exhibition on the Holocaust to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the liquidation of the Minsk ghetto.

In everyday practical terms, though, Belarus' attitude vis-a-vis the Holocaust seems to be the least of the community's concerns.

For one thing, Belarus Jewry is bereft of funds, and is, therefore, dependent on the largesse of the Diaspora, said Minkov.

"In short, the community can't support itself," Rabbi Wolpin noted. "The Diaspora should step up its aid for the restoration of synagogues and cemeteries and the building of schools. The system of Jewish education here was destroyed. It's important to act before it's too late."

As might be expected, the level of Jewish knowledge remains appallingly low, said Minkov, who wears a yarmulke. "Outside of Minsk, it is difficult to raise a minyan because so few of our Jews know how to pray. And the supply of kosher meat is limited."

Minkov believes that despite the grip of a severe recession in the transition to a free market economy and the persistence of popular anti-Semitism, many Jews have no real desire to leave Belarus. "That's why it's so essential to build a viable community, with a good religious education system."

Minkov's assessment is shared by the Israeli ambassador. "Most Jews want to stay here, at least for now," said Valk. "Today there's not a tremendous rush to Israel, like in 1990 and 1991." Besides, he commented, the majority of potential emigrants would rather settle in the United States, where they have relatives and which they regard as "the goldenne medine."

Mikhail Norfsthein, editor of *Aviv*, the largest Jewish newspaper in Belarus, disagrees with both Minkov and Valk. "Two-thirds of the Jewish population will eventually emigrate," he predicted. "I don't believe the community has a bright future."

True or not, 60,000 to 70,000 Jews have left Belarus since the early 1970s, according to figures supplied by Levin.

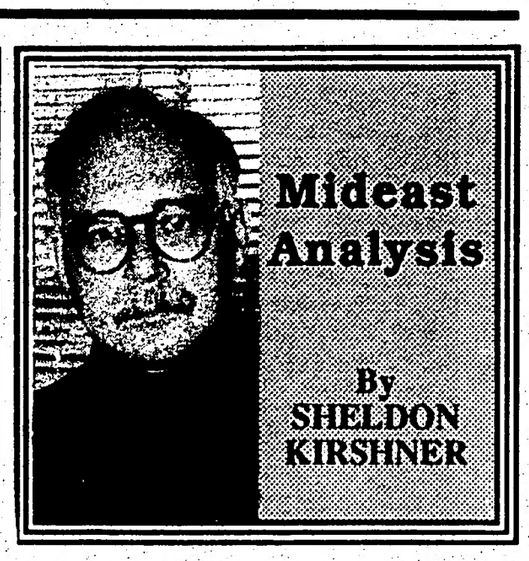
And if you ask the Jewish Agency emissary in Minsk, Lev Ruderman, a former resident, he will tell you that approximately 22,000 Jews have made aliyah since 1989.

Of late, aliyah has stabilized, with some 250 olim going to Israel every month. "We get all kinds," said Ruderman, an ex-sailor. "Professors, artists, teachers, workers, musicians. Lately, their average age has been 30 to 35."

Ruderman believes that the vast majority of Belarus' Jews — 80 percent, in his opinion — will pack up and leave for what, they hope, will be greener pastures abroad.

If he is right, a distinguished chapter in the annals of the Diaspora will come to an inauspicious close.

Rabbi Yitzchok Wolpin (centre) with Boris Minkov (right). Man at left is Rabbi Wolpin's assistant.



Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel opens embassy; an ambassador copes

For Eliahu Valk, Israel's ambassador to Belarus, it has been something of a homecoming.

Thirty years ago, as a 19-year-old student from Riga, Lativa, Valk studied biology at Belarus State University in Minsk.

Last August, Valk, in his first ambassadorial posting, arrived in the Belarussian capital to open Israel's embassy. Shortly afterward, he presented his credentials to the president, Stanislav Shushkevich.

Belarus declared independence from the Soviet Union on Aug. 25, 1991, and in December of that year, Israel recognized it as a sovereign state. Belarus had already extended recognition to Israel.

In May 1992, formal diplomatic relations were established and Belarus' foreign minister, Pyotr Kravchenko, visited Jerusalem. In September, around the time Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres stopped in Belarus for a visit, Belarus' Jewish charge d'affaires arrived in Tel Aviv. He is Mikhail Abramovitch Farfel, a former teacher who served in Belarus' parliament.

Valk — a specialist in East European Jewry who made aliyah in 1971 after a 14-year struggle — heads a small staff consisting of three Israeli diplomats and several local employees.

Israel's embassy occupies a suite of rooms on the eighth floor of the Hotel Belarus, a murky, Soviet-style three-star hostelry which has seen better days. Valk, who was once an editor and a producer with Kol Israel's Russian service, minces no words about his dissatisfaction with the premises. The Hotel Belarus, he declared, is "very unsuitable."

Though relatively palatial by local standards, it is considered substandard by Western norms. But Valk, as well as the ambassadors of France, China, Italy, Latvia and Kyrgyzstan who are also ensconced there, had no say in the matter. They were assigned their respective quarters by the Belarus government, which apparently is struggling with a severe office shortage.

In the meantime, as he searches for "a proper building," Valk's immediate task is to set up a smoothly-running embassy. But, he admitted, it's a "very difficult" process. As he put it somewhat obliquely, "Previous preparations were not undertaken."

Israel's decision to open an embassy in Minsk was guided by its desire to establish strong economic relations with one of the most highly developed former Soviet republics.

The possibilities, Valk says, are quite promising. Belarus has the potential of being a good market for Israeli technology, both industrial and agricultural. Belarus' exports, notably heavy trucks, wrist-watches, tractors and timber, could well find a niche in Israel.

At the moment, the two-way volume of trade is insignificant — $1 million (U.S.). "I hope this figure can increase many-fold," Valk said. But it obviously will not until the two countries sign a trade agreement, which is one of Valk's main objectives now.

Valk also wants to promote cultural exchanges. Marc Chagall, the late painter, will figure prominently in such plans. In 1994, Belarus will launch a Chagall Week in his birthplace, Vitebsk, and Israel will partake in the festivities.

Another important aspect of Valk's work is cementing ties with the Jewish community, which has a rich past. "My contacts with local Jews have been touching and heart-warming," he said. From his window, he can look down at Minsk's only synagogue, less than one kilometre away.

Valk wants to raise "public consciousness" about the Holocaust, "which was an element in the establishment of Israel." At a recent ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the destruction of the Minsk ghetto, he presented awards to two Righteous Gentiles on Yad Vashem's behalf.

Valk, too, hopes to improve Israel's image, which took a pummelling when Belarus was part of the old Soviet Union. Years of anti-Zionist propaganda had its effect. But things are looking up. Last July, while visiting the United States, Belarus' president described Belarus-Israel relations as "wonderful."

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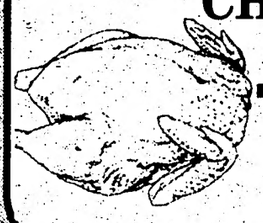

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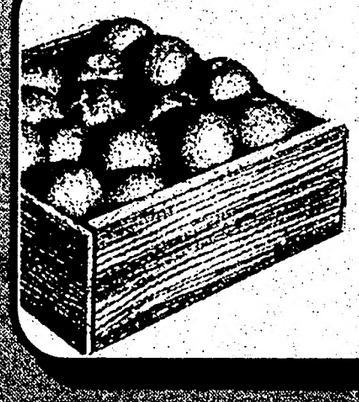

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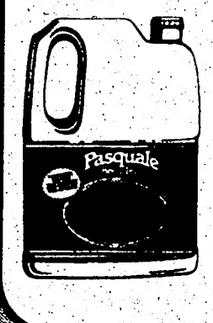

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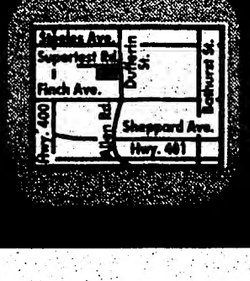

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Intensive Jewish education seen as key to love of Zionism

By BILL GLADSTONE

CZF Convention '93

TORONTO — Out of every 100 Jewish children in Toronto, only 50 per cent at best ever enrol in Jewish schools, according to Rabbi Irwin Witty.

Out of every 100 children who do enter Grade 1 of a Jewish school, only 50 eventually graduate from Grade 8, said the Board of Jewish Education member. And only 10 per cent of the students who complete Grade 8 finish high school.

Witty, who spoke at the recent national convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF), said factors like the escalating cost of Jewish education and an intermarriage rate of 50 per cent or higher are keeping more and more youngsters from entering the Jewish school system.

"Before we can talk about Zionist education, we've got to deal with intensive Jewish education," he said. "Intensive Jewish education, as far as I'm concerned, is Zionist education."

A main goal of Jewish education is to instil a love of "the uniqueness and sanctity of the Hebrew language" in Jewish hearts, Witty said. Some knowledge of Hebrew gives Diaspora Jews a "comfort level" and sense of identification when they visit Israel, he said.

Noting that not even one session of the CZF conference was conducted in Hebrew, Witty suggested that local Jewish community groups "start using Hebrew in some of our meetings, even if there are people in the room who understand little or nothing.

"There are some who may be put off by it, but perhaps it will make them realize that they have a shortcoming."

Witty also suggested that Israeli personalities who come to Canada to help sell Israel Bonds should make appearances in Jewish schools. "Our youngsters should have a chance to see these people, because they are models of the actualization of our Zionist dreams."

'Heroic, Utopian' Zionism said over

TORONTO — When Theodor Herzl emerged as a Zionist leader, Zionism was regarded as "an alternative ideology that had already gripped the minds of most progressive Jews for some 90 years and had gained great strength in his time," according to an Israeli author and lecturer on Israeli-Diaspora relations.

Dr. Gideon Shimoni, speaking at the seventh national convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation at the Constellation Hotel recently, said many serious and sincere opponents of Zionism in Herzl's day thought a Jewish state "would jeopardize the correct path" for Jews to follow.

Jews "were afraid that the state of Israel might be a danger to the security and integration of Jews elsewhere in the world," Shimoni said.

Now that Israel is a reality, Zionism has outlived its "heroic, Utopian stage," Shimoni said. "It can't be the center of a movement again and it's an illusion to think that it could be."

However, it's a "mammoth misconception," Shimoni said, to presume that since the Jewish people survived for 2,000 years in the Diaspora, their survival in the Diaspora is guaranteed for an equal time into the future.

Historically, Jews dressed differently, lived according to halachic law, collected their own taxes for the state, and remained an autonomous ethno-religious unit, he said. Shimoni made aliyah from South Africa in 1961.

The two competing Jewish views of Israel's centrality in the modern world directly parallels the division among 19th-century Jews between Zionism and Diasporism, Shimoni said.

He said with hindsight it is easy to conclude that the correct path in the 19th century belonged to the Zionists, since it led to the formation of the state of Israel. — B.G.

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"We want to hear the views of ethnic and racial minorities on the future of education in Ontario," said co-chair Gerald Caplan.

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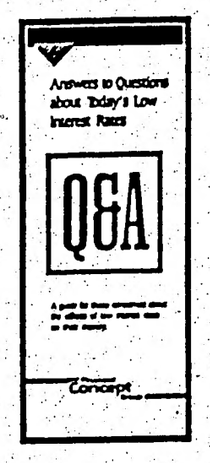

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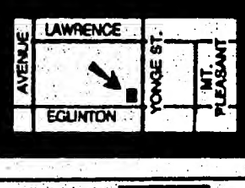

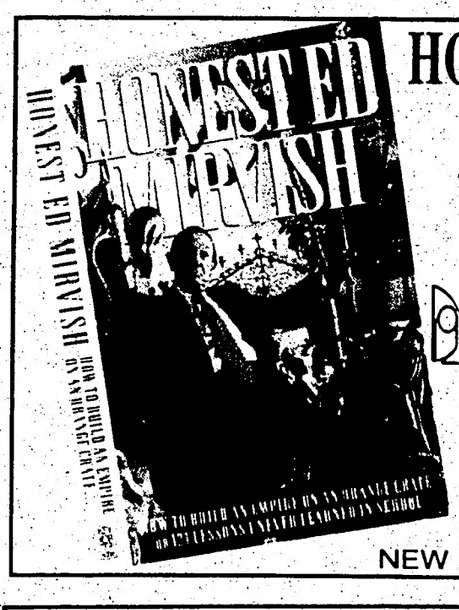

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Sam Fishbain, recipient of a life-giving transit visa from Senpo Sugihara, and his wife Sandra (left) recently met the consul's widow, Yukiko (centre), at a tribute dinner for the late consul. [Photo courtesy Canadian Jewish Congress]

Japanese consul Sugihara honored for saving Jews

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Fifty-three years ago, as a teenager fleeing the European inferno, Sam Fishbain was one of 6,000 Jews in Kaunas, Lithuania who received life-saving transit visas from Japanese consul Senpo Sugihara.

With the visa in hand, Fishbain and his brother, Israel, were able to flee across Siberia to Japan, eventually finding safety in China. The rest of their family was not so lucky, as only one uncle, a partisan fighter, survived the Holocaust.

"Fifty-three years is a long time, and [there was] not one day where I didn't think how my life was saved thanks to Senpo Sugihara," Fishbain said recently.

Speaking at a dinner sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and the Toronto chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) to honor the late Japanese consul, Fishbain recounted how he and his brother fled for saftey just ahead of the Nazis.

"I never believed that I would have the chance to stand in front of the Sugihara family and tell [my] story," Fishbain said. He said he owed his life to Sugihara, who did not follow orders to withhold the visas, but instead, did what was right.

How do you thank someone for saving your life?, Fishbain asked. By keeping alive his name and recounting his deeds, he replied.

Hiroki Sugihara, Senpo's son, said he has often been asked why his father issued the visas despite clear instructions from the Japanese government that he not do so. His father's reply had been, "I just did what a usual human being should do."

Sugihara, honorary Japanese consul to Kaunas, said he was in the process of establishing a foundation in Tokyo that will recount his father's deeds. He hopes to purchase the old consulate in Kaunas and turn it into a centre of study. Another project is to acquire an aircraft and convert it into a flying hospital, to be deployed in case of emergencies and to help refugees.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae said Sugihara's "story is one of the truly remarkable stories of the 20th century." While his courageous actions helped thousands of Jews survive, he did so while disobeying government instructions. As a result, he was demoted and had to work as a salesman on his return to Japan and it took almost 45 years for his name to be recounted with honor in Japan. Now, his story is part of the compulsory education curriculum in Japan, the premier said.

Excerpts from a Japanese television drama, presented at the tribute dinner, showed how Sugihara, with the encouragement and assistance of his wife Yukiko, worked tirelessly for 19 days to sign the visas, not pausing even at the railway station as they waited to depart for a new diplomatic posting in Berlin.

In his remarks, television personality and geneticist David Suzuki noted that human beings are the only species on earth that wages war and commits genocide. Ironically, human nature has another side that shows compassion, heroism and idealism, he said. Sugihara's actions transcended any social constraints or so-called biologically-determined behavior to show that people can act compassionately and with heroism, he said.

Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region, said Sugihara was "a beacon of hope for all who were in despair." He was "a quiet hero who restored our faith in humanity. He touched all our lives through his compassion for fellow human beings," she said.

Others who spoke at the dinner included: Van Hori, president of NAJC's Toronto chapter; Judge Maryka Omatsu and Arlene Perly Rae, honorary co-chairs; and Harry Yonekura and Patricia Rubin, dinner co-chairs.

Funds raised by the dinner, attended by about 475 members of both communities, will go towards a scholarship fund for Toronto high school students who exemplify the qualities shown by Sugihara.

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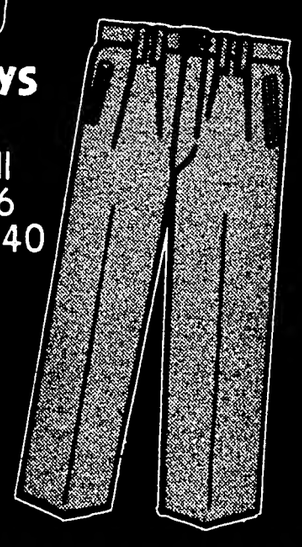

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Holocaust survivors recall the horrors of Kristallnacht

Holocaust Education Week

Remember

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — John Patton, a Vienna-born Jew who survived incarceration at Dachau early in the war, was one of many people at a Kristallnacht Memorial Service at Beth Habonim synagogue in midtown Toronto Nov. 9.

"It's important to remember," said the white-haired survivor. "I've seen so many go in my time. I'm one of the few who are left."

The commemoration began when congregational spiritual leader Eli Rubenstein recalled the circumstances leading up to Kristallnacht, the infamous night of shattered glass 55 years ago in which Jews were attacked, synagogues torched, Torahs desecrated and Jewish shops ransacked.

"The Holocaust was carried out by the Nazis, but could not have been done without the silent complicity of the rest of the world," he said. "The world's silence helped make it happen."

Throughout the evening, the 10 members of the synagogue youth choir performed songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English. Selections included *Eli Eli* by Jewish heroine Hanna Senesh, *Yisrolek*, and *Ani Ma-a-min*, chanted by Jews on their way to death.

Beth Habonim's two cantors, Esther Ghan and Albert Feldman, were in excellent voice.

"This congregation was founded mainly by Holocaust survivors who saw first-hand what happened during Kristallnacht," Rubenstein told *The CJN* after a simple religious service. "People in our synagogue can tell you what happened that night — about being in their homes, hiding, being very frightened."

Founded in the early 1950s, Beth Habonim retains the highest percentage of German-born Jews of any synagogue in Toronto, Rubenstein said. The commemorative service was offered as part of the 13th annual Holocaust Education Week.

London Jewish students hold Kristallnacht memorial service

By MARA KOVEN

LONDON — Over 150 students, professors and community members attended a Kristallnacht commemoration at the University of Western Ontario's Student Union on Nov. 8.

They came to listen to poems, stories and hear *Eli, Eli* and *Hatikvah* sung by the London Community Hebrew Day School Choir.

A piece of glass painted with a red swastika was symbolically broken by Chabad president Brian Kahane. Thankfully this year, the program occured without incident.

Last year's memorial program was interrupted when a member of the audience (later identified as the son of a Nazi sympathizer) shouted "Lies, lies," and threw coffee on the representative broken glass. Words were exchanged and emotions were high. No one was hurt . . . physically.

But this year more parents attended, and more security was on duty.

Matilda Radvayni, a Holocaust survivor, clutched her mouth while listening to a story read by grade 6 and 7 students about a grandfather who was humiliated by Nazis in front of his family.

Radvanyi sat in front of a table displaying the only mementoes of her past: a blue and grey prisoner's uniform; her sister's letter sent to her from Auschwitz; a coveted bread bag; and the only remaining memory of her Hungarian town's synagogue — a photograph — it was demolished by Nazis in the Holocaust. She later lit six memorial candles in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the war.

The event was organized by the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, part of the Jewish Student Union (JSU). Holocaust and anti-Semitism chair, Ruth Brest, 19, introduced the event, "We must never have this fade from our memory or it is destined to occur again.

"We have to remember this [the Holocaust] did not happen in a barbaric society. Jews felt secure in Europe, just like we feel secure here," warned Brest.

The University of Western Ontario Student Council president Mike Burns also addressed the crowd, "We can not forget the violence and hatred that happens and still persists today [referring to last year's disturbance]. At the University of Western Ontario we need to encourage the expression of diversity . . . it is those differences that make us [as a university] stronger."

The JSU students sought Jewish community support in organizing the event. Rabbis David Rosenberg and Melvin Glazer participated, and representatives from the Jewish Federation and Community Hebrew School attended.

David Goldberg, 12, a former Community Hebrew School student said he tells all his non-Jewish friends about the Holocaust. "It's important that everyone knows . . . so that it won't happen again."

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Anti-Semitism 'powerful evil,' says church leader

Holocaust Education Week

Remember

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — The United Church of Canada, the largest Protestant denomination in the country, has and will continue to denounce Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism "in all its forms and by all its proponents."

That according to Rev. Jim Christie of St. James-Bond United Church, who last week addressed a luncheon audience as part of Holocaust Education Week.

Christie called anti-Semitism "the powerful evil," while Holocaust denial is "a clear cut abomination."

Christie, invited by the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation, examined the letters of St. Paul, which are often quoted by those denouncing Jews as "Christ killers."

Anti-Semitism predates Christianity, Christie said, adding that Christianity "added a veneer of theological sophistication to anti-Semitism."

The United Church is now asking its over 3 million adherents to take into consideration that the gospels were written for a non-Jewish audience at a time that was "hardly friendly" towards the Jews — following the revolt against Rome — and the destruction of the First Temple.

"It is precisely for these reasons that the Scriptures must be read with caution," Christie said.

However, "it can hardly be denied that certain Jews were complicit in Jesus's death. How could it be otherwise? Virtually everyone in the gospels, friend and foe, including Jesus of Nazareth, was Jewish.

"[Yet] whatever the involvement of certain key members of the Jewish community in Jesus's death, the generally accepted view of a corrupt and vicious first-century Judaism is nothing other than a vile and ultimately deadly falsehood ... Jesus died as a result of human nature and human sin. The responsibility for the unjust death of any innocent is universal."

But not everyone in the United Church agrees with that view, he allowed.

"I must be candid. Those of us who are preaching and teaching according to these principles are still few in number, and we are under duress from the fundamentalists and literalists within our own denominational communities."

Despite opposition from individual clergy and lay people, the United Church this month released a study document, *Towards a Renewed Understanding of Ecumenicism*, which calls for "the greatest co-operation among people of goodwill belonging to all faith communities and none," to work towards "the cause of peace, justice, and the healing of G-d's creation."

The paper, says Christie, calls on Christians "to relinquish the notion that they have cornered the market on the Divine."

That view may "raise hackles in many circles," but "go ahead we must and will.

"I believe that there will be no peace or world order without peace between nations and religions," he said.

Christie aplogized for reading his remarks.

"The relationship between Christians and Jews has been sometimes so fraught with tension and friction, [that] I don't want to miss anything and I don't want there to be any misunderstanding."

Allocating health resources focus of Weil lecture

TORONTO — How to allocate health resources will be the focus of the third annual Dr. Joseph Weil Memorial Lecture organized by the Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital in Israel.

"The health care rationing debate is emerging as one of the defining debates of our decade," said Dr. Allan Seidenfeld, chair of the Toronto Friends.

"It rivets our attention and there are no easy answers."

Tackling this issue will be a panel of experts, including Toronto surgeon Bernard Goldman, ethics consultant Dr. Abbyann Lynch and New York halachic specialist and physician Dr. Fred Rosner.

The panel discussion will take place Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Moderator is Rabbi Mark Dratch of the synagogue.

Seidenfeld said the topic was easy to choose but difficult to limit. "When you choose such a wide topic and you have a panel of world-class experts, it's hard to do justice to the issues in one short evening," he said.

The issue of allocation has generated intense publicity recently. Provincial Opposition Leader Mike Harris raised the matter in the Ontario Legislature by telling of a 64-year-old Ontario man denied treatment for lymphatic cancer because of his age. The man sold his home and cashed in his savings to have a bone marrow transplant done in the United States.

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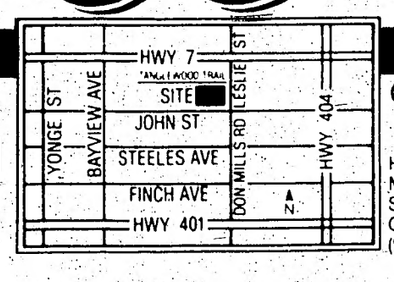

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Emunah set to honor Danes

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Denmark and the Danish people who secretly rescued the Jews of Denmark from extermination in 1943, will he honored by Emunah Women of Toronto at a commemorative dinner to be held on Nov. 29 at the Baycrest Terrace.

Dorothy Zeifman, president of Toronto's Emunah Women, says that this is the 50th anniversary of the historic defiance of the Nazi orders by the Danish people to save their Jewish citizens.

"Out of a population of 8,000 Jews, 7,200 were saved," says Zeifman. "When they were welcomed back to Denmark after the war, many Jews found that their homes and gardens had been taken care of by their Danish neighbors — surely a deed unique in the annals of Jewish history."

A specially commissioned commemorative sculpture by Naomi Reich Freudmann will be presented at the dinner to Poul Laursen, the consul general of Denmark. Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Reich Freudmann studied art in Johannesburg, South Africa, in London, England, and received a bachelor of education degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

She moved to Toronto in 1960 and continued her painting. In the mid '70s, she shifted from painting to sculpture in marble and alabaster. She has exhibited at numerous shows and her pieces are in private collections in Canada and the United States. She is a founding member of the Stoneworks and Company.

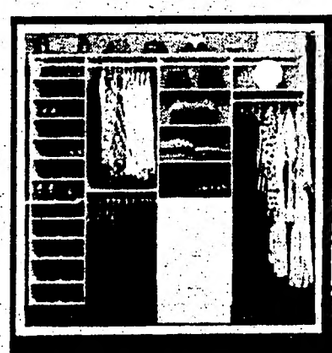
Rabbi Ib Nathan Bamberger, author of *The Viking Jews: A History of the Jews of Denmark* (Soncino Press Ltd., New York), is the keynote speaker. Rabbi Bamberger was among the Jews who owe their lives to the Danish rescue. His book tells the story of the heroic acts of the people of Denmark which has become a universal symbol of courage and hope.

The Viking Jews, dedicated to the memory of King Christian X, "a truly righteous gentile," traces the Jews of Denmark back to 1622 when they were invited to Denmark by King Christian IV. The book climaxes with the miraculous escape of Danish Jewry.

Hannah Schusheim, the chair of the Danish project and a past president of Toronto Emunah says that while on a trip to Scandinavia, "long suppressed feelings were awakened in me." She says that while visiting Denmark, "the memory of the courage shown by the Danish people of all classes of society in rescuing fellow Jewish citizens, brought home to me again the nightmarish years we lived through in those black days when nobody, but nobody helped us. The Jewish people were abandoned."

She adds that it is hard to imagine the degradation and desperation felt by European Jewry. "The actions of the Danish people stared out as a shining example for all mankind. In Denmark, a whole country refused to join in the immense inhumanity to man, and attempted to spirit their whole Jewish population out of the country, bringing them to safe haven in Sweden."

She notes that the proceeds of the commemorative dinner will go to a "Garden of Memory" in Neve Michael Children's Village in Pardes Chana. "In this way, we hope to have a permanent reminder to future generations that those who saved Jewish lives will never be forgotten."



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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

(Continued from Nov. 11/93)

Last week I discussed two similar cases involving Jehovah witness fathers and their religious instruction of their children against the wishes of their estranged spouse. In the British Columbia case of **Young**, the Court allowed the father to continue said instruction due to (1) Charter of Rights considerations, (2) the father's respecting the children's wishes, and (3) the advanced age of the children. In the Quebec case, **Re P.**, the court *denied* the father this opportunity because it was seen as being against the "child's best interests" in the broad sense, since the child was younger and presumably more impressionable.

Two provinces, two different decisions, same Judges. Same Judges! How could this happen, and where does it leave us?

Two of the Supreme Court judges who appear to have changed their minds between the two cases did so because they felt the trial judge in the Quebec case was better able to assess the child's potential danger from such indoctrination.

We are left with a mess. Lawyers and their clients have no firm idea as to how a court would decide their cases based on these apparently conflicting or, at least, "fact" based (as opposed to "law" based) decisions. If the purpose of appellate decisions is to give society some direction on how to settle disputes without litigating, these decisions, released simultaneously, accomplish the opposite. In forthcoming cases involving custody and access disputes, we can expect each parent to argue "best interest" vs. Charter of Rights positions, and to interpret these Supreme Court decisions from their own point of view.

Of equal interest is a series of statements made by the different judges, some of which are radical. These "bons mots" could challenge the way in which custody and access disputes are settled.

For instance, one Judge asserts in her decision that custodial parents (usually mothers) are more likely to give better evidence as to a child's needs than an independent assessor. The fact that the mother is an "interested party" and may not be terribly objective could now be insignificant in the eyes of Canada's highest court. How seriously such statements are taken by lower courts as being binding law, rather than commentary (in legalese, "obiter") remains to be seen.

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MS patient helps launch new resource group

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Perla Arditti, 34, has made a point of staying away from multiple sclerosis support groups in the 12 years since she was diagnosed with the neurological disease. Yet her most recent undertaking finds her co-ordinating just such a project.

In fact, the project, which is being co-sponsored by Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) and the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), was Arditti's idea.

Arditti's vision of a multi-faceted resource for people with MS is in the process of becoming a reality. The project offers life skills workshops, educational programs, counselling for those with MS and their families, a thrice-weekly exercise program at the JCC, including yoga and swimming to work on balance and muscle-strengthening, and a Jewish component in the form of holiday celebrations and addressing common concerns within a Jewish context.

Gordon Wolfe

The program is open to non-Jews as well. The Menorah, a Jewish MS support group in the Toronto area which ran for a few years, is no longer operating, Arditti said.

Arditti had approached JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe early this year with her proposal. "I didn't have any choice but to respond," Wolfe told *The CJN* during a recent interview at his office.

"She's one persistent woman," he laughed, saying he was moved by Arditti's energy and commitment, which included raising the seed money.

Arditti has a grant from the York South region of the MS Society as well as a private contribution, which together will fund the project for the first few months of operation.

Since late September, Arditti has been working part time at the JF&CS office in the Lipa Green Building as project co-ordinator. She holds down a second part-time job and until last year ran two businesses from her home.

Thanks to an experimental drug known as COP-1, Arditti's MS has been in remission for the past four years. Although her gait remains halting, the disease has not permanently affected her drive or her spirit.

Perla Arditti

"I know what it's like with the fear and the anger [after diagnosis]," Arditti said. "You need to have time to work it through."

Early in her illness, before going into remission, Arditti was paralyzed on her right side for eight months and required frequent hospitalization. Before starting on COP-1, her condition had again worsened to the point where she needed a wheelchair for distances and had little energy.

"We're hoping the project will bring a lot of people out of the woodwork," Arditti said, "and that they'll feel comfortable to at least make a phone call. They know I've gone through it, and I know what they're going through."

Multiple sclerosis is becoming the quickest-growing diagnosed disease in North America, says Arditti. It is estimated that one in every 500 Canadians has the disease which breaks down myelin, the substance which covers nerves, resulting in symptoms such as weakness, visual disturbances, fatigue, lack of co-ordination and poor balance.

A fee will be charged for services provided by the JF&CS-JCC project, but nobody will be turned away if they can't pay, stressed Wolfe.

For further information, call Arditti at JF&CS, (416) 638-7800.

Breakthrough expected in Israel, Syria pact

TORONTO — An American expert on the Middle East is predicting a quicker than expected agreement on the peace process between Israel and Syria.

In fact, Jonathan Kessler sees a big breakthrough ahead.

"The next breakthrough will occur sooner than most people would dare hope for," he told some of Toronto's leading United Jewish Appeal (UJA) donors.

Kessler said Syria and Israel have begun serious "back channel negotiations" toward an accord, with Syria "recognizing for the first time that Israel has legitimate security concerns."

The philosophical foundations for a pact have already been agreed to, claimed Kessler. "They involve land, peace and security."

Kessler also sketched an optimistic picture of Arab readiness to end the economic boycott of Israel. Despite Arab proclamations to the contrary, Kessler cited signs of the boycott being dismantled.

"Contracts have already been signed between Israel and countries that are part of the secondary and tertiary boycott," he said.

Kessler is a former executive director of the Centre for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation in Washington. He also served 11 years as a senior professional with the two most influential pro-Israel lobbies in the United States — AIPAC and NATPAC. Today, he consults several organizations involved in Mideastern affairs.

Kessler's speech was delivered at one of a series of briefings for UJA major gift givers.

Bund martyr honored

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A recent literary and musical program honoring the memory of a Jewish Bund martyr as part of Holocaust Education Week had definite Toronto links.

Both main speaker Louis Lenkinski, vice-chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and chair Aaron Fainer knew Samuel (Arthur) Zigelbaum personally in Poland, while a granddaughter of Zigelbaum living here attended the event at the Workman's Circle Hall.

Zigelbaum was the renowned leader of the Bund in Poland, a Jewish workers'organization, who committed suicide in order to alarm the world about the Nazi destruction of European Jewry. Ziegelbaum took his life in London in 1943 while he was the Bund representative to the Polish government in exile. In a letter to the head of that government, he wrote that he wanted to be part of the mass graves of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters and the millions of Polish Jews who died.

"He died in London and his lonely grave is far from the people [with whom] he lived," said Fainer.

The musical tribute was performed by Batsheva, singing *Warsaw*, *Shtiler*, *Shtiler*, *Motele* and *Ghetto*, while Bella Sanderson and Eda Zimler-Schiff read passages describing Zigelbaum's life and sacrifice. Alan Farkas read the text of Zigelbaum's last letter.

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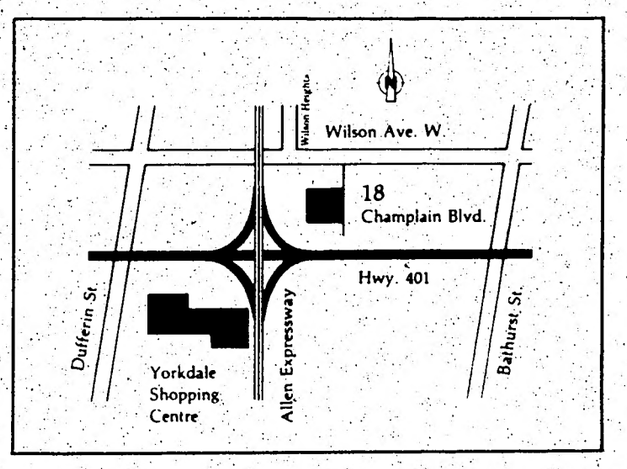

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Organizations and People

Hamilton yeshiva dedicated

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The gala Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak dedication dinner attended by over 620 guests at Adas Israel Synagogue on Nov. 7, was one of the most successful events ever held here.

Before the dinner, shuttle buses took guests, many of whom came from Toronto, Montreal, Cleveland, Chicago, New York and even as far as Los Angeles, to the nearby yeshiva for a tour of the building.

Formalities were kept to a minimum. There was no head table and there were no major speeches. Instead, only greetings by Abe Szpirglas, president, Hamilton-Wentworth Jewish Federations; Rav Gedalaya Schwartz, Av Beis Din, Rabbinical Council of America; and HaRav Hagon Ahron Soloveichik, Rosh Hayeshiva Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University (RIETS).

The dinner was chaired by Henry Zielenic of Toronto, father of one of the yeshiva students.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a video depicting the history of the yeshiva, filmed by Mani Melnick of Toronto, whose son also attends the yeshiva.

The video, narrated by Rabbi Morton Green, traces the creation of a "kehillah, a community . . . whose members will identify with an integrated, religious lifestyle that will express the values of our Torah" — from the building of a mikvah to the establishment of the yeshiva — which Rabbi Green perceived as his mission when he arrived here in August 1958 at the age of 24, to assume the spiritual leadership of Adas Israel Congregation.

The 40-minute video, which brought guests to their feet with prolonged applause, was also a tribute to the yeshiva's major patrons, who were shown in various dedication ceremonies held over the preceding months.

Incorporating photographs of the original shul on Cannon Street, whose stained glass windows and wooden Aron Kodesh are now part of the new yeshiva, ground breaking ceremonies for the new synagogue on Cline Avenue South and the completed building, shots of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and its students and teachers, the video included scenes of joyous dancing with newly dedicated sifrei Torah and a sefer Torah procession, students and teachers at their lessons and boys at basketball practice in the gym and having dinner in the dining hall.

Among the dinner guests was West Hamilton MPP, the Hon. Dr. Richard Allen, minister without portfolio, Economic Development and Trade, who earlier this year presented Rabbi Green with a cheque for $60,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications towards renovation of a heritage building, the former Princess Elizabeth School, which is now the yeshiva.

Other guests included newly re-elected MP for Hamilton West Stan Keyes; Ontario Solicitor General David Christopherson; Cam Jackson, MPP, Burlington South; Hamilton mayor Robert Morrow; and Alderman Mary Kiss.

Todres addresses Women's Day

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Dr. Elaine Todres is inviting Canadian Jewish women to join her in reclaiming the voice of Miriam. The prophetess Miriam, she says, is a metaphor for egalitarianism. In the Torah, Miriam was the one who suggested to Pharaoh's daughter that she raise Moses as her own and, Miriam is widely respected as a prophetess.

"She was a significant figure in nation-building," Todres said.

Todres is Ontario's deputy minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. In her previous position as deputy minister of the Ontario Women's Directorate, she played a leading role in developing the province's current child care and family violence policies. On Nov. 7, she returned to her native Winnipeg as the keynote speaker for the 10th annual Women's Day '93: Faces and Phases of Jewish Women, a day-long program which features panel discussions and seminars on issues of interest to women in general and, in some matters, Jewish women in particular.

Todres was thanked by Maggie Rayter of B'nai Brith, chair of the Presidents' Council of Jewish Women's Organizations which co-sponsored the event with the YMHA Jewish Community Centre. She was introduced by Barbara Kives, co-chair of the United Jewish Appeal's Women's Division.

She spoke first about the changing religious needs and role of women, citing the formation of chavuras, Orthodox women coming together for Rosh Chodesh and writing their own liturgy. A few months ago, she noted, she was invited to speak to a group of Orthodox women at Shaarei Shomayim in Toronto who were having their own prayer service.

"The turnout was overwhelming," she recalled." They followed the rules. It was a glorious event."

In terms of Jewish community leadership roles, women still have a way to go, she noted. Men for the most part still make the decisions in regard to Jewish school boards, communal fund raising and allocations of community resources. So-called women's issues, such as kosher shelters for battered wives, and AIDS programs for Jewish victims, receive short shrift.

Looking at current and future trends, Todres described a crisis in volunteerism and declining memberships in women's organizations due to the large number of working women. "Are our organizations' mandates still relevant and able to attract younger women or do the mission statements have to be changed?" she asked.

She spoke of the alienation from Judaism many women feel and she described a Sukkot celebration on Toronto's harborfront that attracted 500 women, many of them unaffiliated with any synagogue or the Jewish community as a whole.

"Where are the women in their 20s, 30s and 40s?" she asked. "How many lesbians are uncomfortable with their lack of inclusion? How many survivors participate in the community? How many professional women are not taking up their responsibility to klal Israel? For them to hear the voice of Miriam, we need to set new courses and objectives."

Changing roles examined

She described the changing role of women in society as a revolution — with 75 per cent of them in the workforce. "To ignore the voice of Miriam in the synagogue is foolhardy," she said. "Jewish feminists are rewriting the Haggadah and egalitarianism in the synagogue is growing though not without some discomfort. The voice of Miriam is being composed again."

Addressing the role of Jewish women in society as a whole, she wondered if those in leadership roles were singing the songs of Jewish women or other women's songs alone. To illustrate, she told the story of how a small but determined group of Orthodox feminists in Ontario successfully lobbied to have the get (Jewish bill of divorcement) made a compulsory prerequisite to civil divorce in Ontario law.

"It is shocking that the leadership of the feminist movement in America has never brought up this issue even though most of them are Jewish and there are thousands of agunot (women who are separated but are unable to convince their husbands to issue a get) in New York alone," she said.

While she lauded the number of Jewish women in leadership roles in politics and the judiciary, for example, she also noted that they can't be expected to sing their songs alone. "The poetry has to be written by us before our leaders can act."

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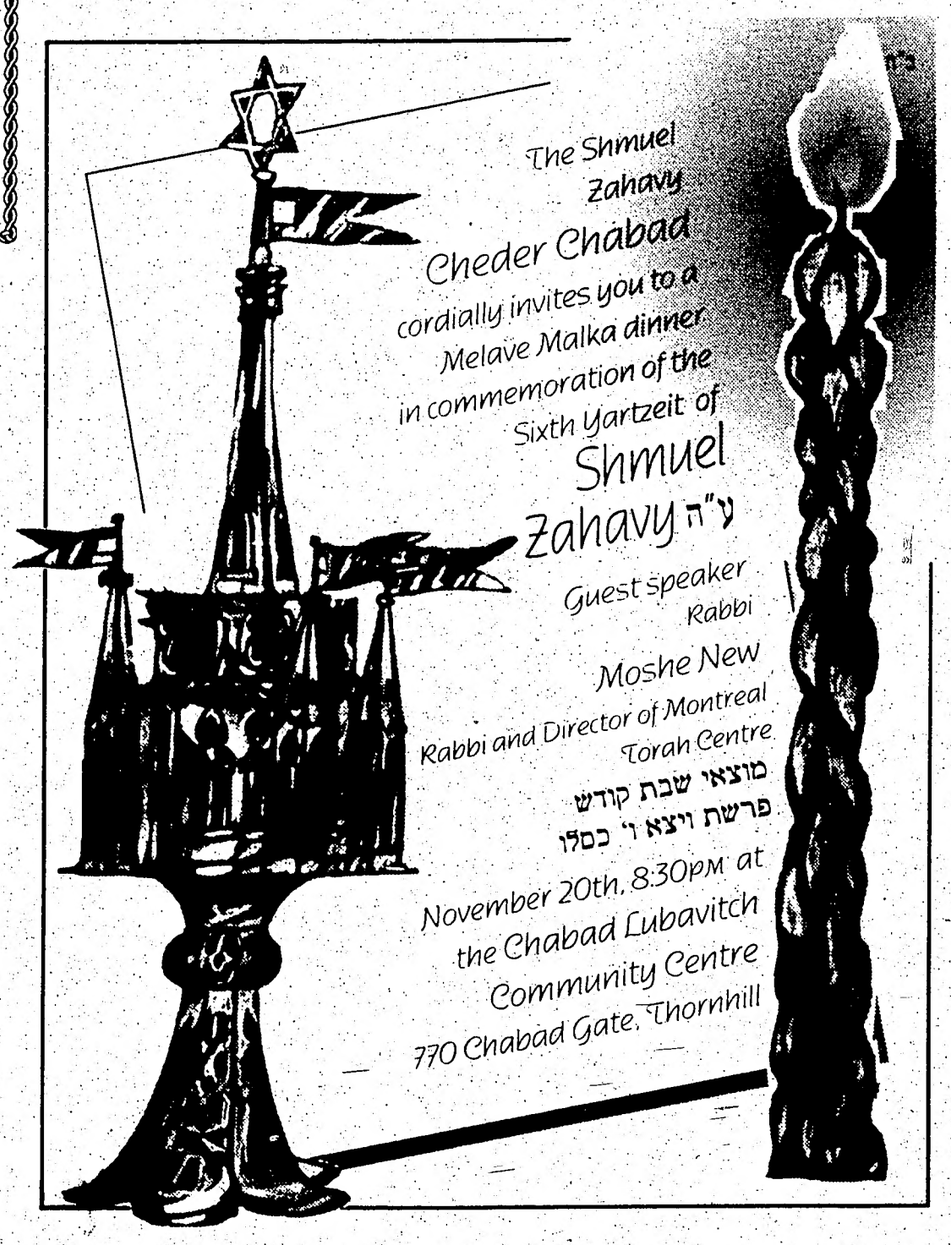

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Hate propaganda called tool to 'devalue' target groups

Holocaust Education Week

Remember

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — In 1925, long before the Nazis took power in Germany, the party's propaganda newspaper carried a cartoon that foretold the fate that would befall European Jewry.

The cartoon showed a caricature of a Jew in a crematorium prying open the jaw of a deceased German to remove his gold teeth. "This is exactly what happened in Auschwitz," said historian Morton Manilla. "It sets out the mindset that will build Auschwitz and carry out the Shoah."

Speaking at a symposium during Holocaust Education Week on the consequences of hate literature , Manilla said his research of Nazi hate propaganda showed that it relied on pre-existing anti-Semitism and built on it with simplistic assertions that blamed Jews for whatever ills befell Germany.

If the Allies forced Germany to pay reparations following World War I, the Nazi newspaper claimed it was the Jews who were behind it, Manilla said.

There need not be any rational basis for the attacks on Jews, Manilla continued. Jews could be blamed in the same breath for both communism and world capitalism. Jews were also alleged to be behind actions of the Roman Catholic Church and Catholic political parties. They were referred to as "world pests" and of being almost vampire-like in "consuming the wealth and strength of Germany," Manilla said.

Constant repetition of the negative images had a powerful effect on German society, the professor said, adding that similar vilification is continuing in the world today, even in Toronto.

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said hate propagandists hope to "dehumanize and victimize vulnerable people in society."

Karen Mock

The targets of hate propaganda are denied any value or merit and the implication is left that their existence is such a detriment to society that they should be eliminated, Mock said.

This attempt to "isolate and devalue" the target groups also serves to drive a wedge between them and others in society, who may wonder what the target group has done to attract such attacks. But the attacks have nothing to do with acts of the victims, Mock said.

An insidious result of hate propaganda is that members of victim groups can develop feelings of inferiority, self-doubt and self-blame, similar to rape victims, she said. It is important that others in society and even members of the same target group who have escaped a particular attack (like a synagogue desecration) not allow the victims to feel alone, Mock said.

Nazi propaganda is so effective that even non-Nazis were convinced by it and took part in the Holocaust. Mock said hate propaganda has no place in the marketplace of ideas but rather serves to undermine the democratic underpinnings of society.

The Criminal Code should be amended to take into account the seriousness of hate attacks like desecrations, which are currently dealt with under the "mischief" sections — the same section used if someone breaks your car antenna. Sentences should reflect the dangerous nature of hate-motivated crimes, she added.

Others who addressed the symposium, held at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, included Susan Abell, executive director of Youthlink, a support and service organization for troubled young people. She described the organization's experience with a young woman who had links to local white supremacist organizations.

Also addressing the symposium were Marylyn Light, chair of Beth Tzedec's Holocaust memorial committee and Joel Dimitry, national chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. Miriam Geldbloom, co-chair of the Yad Vashem society, emceed the evening's proceedings.

The symposium was co-sponsored by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and the Beth Tzedec Holocaust memorial committee.

Beth Emeth honors Cantor Danto

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — "Danto from Toronto who sings bel canto," is how local cantor Louis (Zvi) Danto is known in international cantorial circles.

Danto was the guest of honor at a recent gala dinner honoring his two decades of service at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation on Elder Street.

"You've heard me sing, but never speak," he warned the audience.

Danto, who was in the USSR for a musical competition when the Nazis invaded his home of Souwalki, Poland, in September 1939, said "I feel G-d was watching over me personally and guided me to today. Being a hazzan is a holy mission for me." None of his family survived.

Danto came to Toronto in 1973 with wife Rouhama from synagogues in Long Island and Cleveland.

Following the speeches was a 90-minute concert, during which Danto sang *My Curly Headed Baby*, the lullaby he used to croon to children Annette, Denise and David as he rocked them to sleep. Danto had the audience eating out of his hands.

The concert featured the North York Symphony Orchestra and the combined choirs of Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda, Beth Tikvah and Holy Blossom led by Danto, Efraim Sapir and Benjamin Maissner.

Proceeds from the evening and its tribute journal are being used to establish the Hazzan Louis Danto Endowment Fund for the Advancement of Jewish Music.

The concert was part of a tribute weekend honoring Danto.

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David Berman

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Organizations and People

What's New

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Nov. 18, is deadline for Dec. 2 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 25, is deadline for Dec. 9 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Phone number is 422-2331, fax number is 424-1886.

Thursday, Nov. 18

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

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Friday, Nov. 19

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Sunday, Nov. 21

RABBI FRYDMAN-KOHL

Beth Tzedec Synagogue invites the community to the induction of **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** with special guests **Chancellor Ismar Schorsch**, Jewish Theological Seminary; **Rabbi Howard Addison**, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and **Rabbi Byron Sherwin**, Chicago, Ill., at 2 p.m. Reception following.

EDUCATION ISSUES

At Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting **Elsa Chandler**, chair, North York Board of Education, trustee Ward 4, will discuss Issues Pertaining to Education, following 9 a.m. services.

PARENTING FAIR

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THE MODERN RABBINATE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am announces a special lecture in commemoration of the 10th yahrzeit year of **Rabbi Albert Pappenheim** featuring **Rabbi Ismar Schorsch**, chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who will speak at 8 p.m. on The Modern Rabbinate: Continuity or Departure?

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PNAI MEETING

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BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Addiction, Dependencies and Family Dynamics is the theme of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting with speakers from the Jewish Recovery Network **Martin Fisher**, president; and **Rachel Thomson**. Time 9 a.m. Everyone welcome. Charge is $3.

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DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

Dream a Little Dream: Dreams, Nightmares and Visions of the Infinite in Jewish Tradition is the topic **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** will discuss, 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. No admission charge. For information, call (905)886-5730.

CYCLE IN ISRAEL

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is organizing a group of sponsored cyclists who will be riding from Israel's north to Jerusalem in May 1994 for its Mission with a Difference project. An information evening is set for 7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library.

Monday, Nov. 22

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL REUNION

Join the Canadian Volunteers for Israel in a pre-Chanukah Reunion with Moishik, 7 p.m. Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., for a light supper and a musical journey with **Osi Sladek**. Charge $10 at the door. RSVP 781-6089.

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SISTERHOOD MEETING

At the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood general meeting **Prof. Ruby Newman** will review *Loving Kindness* by **Anne Rolphe**, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Admission $1.

PUNCH ME IN THE STOMACH!

Deb Filler's rollicking backward glance as a Second Generation New Zealander exploring family history of eccentric personalities in *Punch Me In The Stomach!* at Leah Posluns Theatre is being sponsored by generation to generation sub committee of Holocaust remembrance committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. General admission $18, first come, first served basis. Call **Hannah**, 635-2883, ext. 153.

SHA'ARON CHAPTER BBW

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HAPPINESS

Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am joint study program, False Gods of the '90s, deals with Happiness with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, 8 p.m., at Adath Israel.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

JEWISH FAMILY ISSUES

Prof. Rachel Schlesinger will discuss Jewish Family Issues-Changes and Challenges at the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section meeting, 8:30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Everyone welcome. Admission $5. Call 633-5100, for information.

LIFE AT ALL COSTS?

Life At All Costs? The Health Care Rationing Debate is the topic of Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital annual Dr. Joseph Well Memorial Lecture 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Panelists are **Dr. Fred Rosner**, Queens Hospital, New York; **Dr. Bernard Goldman**, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre; and **Dr. Abbyann Lynch**, Hospital for Sick Children.

A STORY OF THE HOLOCAUST

To mark Holocaust Education Week, the New Fraternal Jewish Association presents the Medina Theatre Ensemble in *A Story of the Holocaust as Seen Through the Eyes of a Seven Year Old Boy* and *Sand* by **Marion Andre**, directed by **Corinne Copnitz** at 8 p.m., 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre) Admission free. Public welcome.

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Aquarius chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, monthly meeting features **Hannah Brown** of the Elizabeth Fry Society speaking on Women in the Criminal Justice System, 8 p.m. Guests welcome. For information, call **Helen Binns**, 789-7471 days, 447-6117 evenings, or **Viki Rumack**, 783-3569.

FLY-IN

Millard Roth (left) and Norm Godfrey (right) flank the mayor of Metulla Yossi Goldberg during a recent UJA fly-in to Israel. Roth and Godfrey were co-chairs of the mission.

ISRAEL AND THE MEDIA

Beth Tzedec Beth Midrash program with **Morton Manilla** continues with Israel and the Media, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby? at 8 p.m. at 222 Winding Lane, Thornhill. Phone **Robin**, (905)886-8364, or **Risa**, (905)738-8870.

SAUL BELLOW AND HIS WORK

Saul Bellow, Nobel Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner, will read from his work 8 p.m. at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Bellow will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree at Woodsworth College's.

FORGOTTEN JEWISH FOREMOTHERS

Toronto Women's ORT Business and Professional chapter features **Rabbi Sharon Sobel** speaking on Our Forgotten Jewish Foremothers, 7:30 p.m. Call **Fran** or **Judy**, ORT office, 787-0297.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

ROSES AND THORNS

In honor of Jewish Book Month, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee features **Justin Lewis** and **Jane Enkin** who will present Roses and Thorns, a selection of stories and Yiddish folksongs by **I.L. Peretz**, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Everyone welcome. For information, call 633-3838.

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

The International Jewish Defense League-Kahane Chai invites the public to hear **Benyamin Kahane** and **David Ben Dor**, 7:30 p.m., Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Admission free. Call 969-6695.

THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

The Magic of Music with violinist/conductor **Eugene Kash** is Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group program, at noon at the temple. Bring lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies provided.

MIDDLE EAST POLITICS

The Politics of the Middle East lecture series co-sponsored by Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University with **Prof. Alexander Bligh**, visiting Israeli professor, York University, continues with The Emergence of the Palestinian Question 1948 and Beyond: Terror and Politics: The Intifadah and the Peace Accord, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Admission $5, students no charge. Call 221-3433.

CHANUKAH IN SONG

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, under the direction of **Esther Ghan Firestone** will present Chanukah songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English at the pre-holiday Celebration of Chanukah in Song sponsored by the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., at 7 p.m. Admission free but reservations a must. Phone library, 395-5440.

JEWS & CHRISTIANS BIBLE STUDY

Read and Respond, a Bible study group for Jewish and Christian adults, focuses on Experiences of Exodus, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Seminar Rooms 008-9, Northrop Frye Hall, University of Toronto, 73 Queen's College Cres. E. Lead respondents are **Prof. Ann Anderson**, St. Michael's Collge; and **Paul Tamblyn**, United Church interchurch-interfaith committee. Admission free. Information and/or registration, **Chaplain Don Matheson**, 585-4499.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL

Pride of Israel, 59 Lissom Cres., is presenting a representative from the Reconstructionist Synagogue speaking on Reconstructionist Judaism, 8 p.m. No charge. Public welcome.

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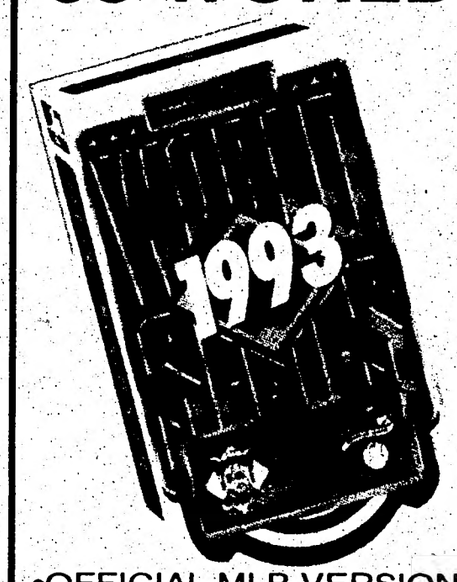

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What's New

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Thursday, Nov. 25

ARTIST PRESENTATION

Toronto artist **Gail Schwartz** will make an audio-visual presentation of her award-winning sculptures at 8:15 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. One of the works is *Hashomer-The Protector*, a surrealisric sculpture dealing with the current rise of Neo-Nazism. Photographs of Schwartz's life-sized, mixed media works, are on display at the synagogue Nov. 17-Dec. 17.

CPR COURSE

The CPR course, Recertification for Basic Rescuer, will be held at Baycrest Centre, 6-10 p.m. Cost is $40. For details, contact Education Department, 789-5131, ext. 2363.

And What Else Is New...

RESISTANCE AND RESCUE

The Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is presenting a photographic exhibit, Resistance and Rescue: Denmark's Response to the Holocaust, by American award-winning photographer **Judy Ellis Glickman**, Nov. 21-28 at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. A special gala opening Sunday, Nov. 21, 1 p.m. For information, call **Pnina Spetgang**, Holocaust remembrance committee, 635-2883, ext. 144.

WINTER CAMP '93

Camp Shomria offers indoor and outdoor fun-filled activities at the camp facilities in the Gravenhurst area, Dec. 19-24 with a variety of winter sports including tubing and skating, arts and crafts, Jewish and Israel-focused programming including Chanukah celebrations. Total price with transportation is $275. Call the office, 736-1339 for applications and information.

A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME

Lubavitch Women's League is hosting an evening of entertainment, learning and refreshment, A Taste of Things to Come, learning about the Mashiach with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, Sunday, Nov. 28, 8:30 p.m., 770 Chabad Gate. Couvert $3 includes a raffle ticket. For information, call **Margolite**, (905)731-3237, or **Aliza**, (905)731-5466.

PIANO CABARET

Pianist **John Arpin** performs Sunday, Nov. 28, in the first concert of the 1993-94 Musica Beth Tikvah series in a program of popular music by Jewish composers including **Gershwin, Rogers, Berlin** and **Kern**. Call the synagogue, 221-3433.

BOOK OF JUDGES

Rachael Turkienicz is giving a text-based class on personalities and themes in the Book of Judges 8 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 22, 29, and Dec. 1 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Registration is $10 for the course. Call 789-3213.

A NIGHT OF TRIVIA

A Night of Trivia in the Pursuit of Money plus a silent auction is being sponsored by Parents Association of Associated Hebrew School, Saturday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., Leslie campus, 6100 Leslie St. Admission is $18. Call **Doris**, 771-7988.

TAX & INVESTMENT PLANNING

Beth Sholom's Social Encounters Group presents an evening with financial commentator **Brian Costello** who will discuss RRSPs, RRIFs, tax reduction strategies, sheltering retirement income, best investment options, Sunday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. This is open to everyone, not only singles. No charge but reservations are required, 733-3573.

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Over 400 elderly Jewish residents of nursing homes were able to share in the joy of Sukkot, thanks to a group of dedicated and generous volunteers led by **Belle Mernick**. **Rabbi Moshe Rabinowitz** gave up part of his vacation to go all four days of chol hamo'ed Sukkot, together with his wife **Tzippi**, daughter **Malki** and Ner Israel students, to Extendicare North York. They helped each Jewish resident perform the mitzvah of lulav and etrog.

Beth Jacob High School students, led by **Tova Kleiner** and **Chagit Fink**, went to Cummer Lodge and Extendicare Bayview. **Rabbi Meir and Susan Gottesman** provided etrogim and lulavim.

DIABETES RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Diabetes Research Unit at Mount Sinai Hospital is currently conducting a research program involving a new non-caloric sweetener and people with diabetes. The non-caloric sweetener is already available in Canada. Anyone who has diabetes that was diagnosed after age 35 and is less than 66 years of age may participate. If interested, call 586-8778 or 586-8776.

STRETCH TO INFINITY

The Toronto debut of Aish Ha'Torah's Stretch to Infinity is Sunday, Nov. 28, 1-5 p.m. at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. This down-to-earth seminar on Jewish spirituality, features **Rabbi Nechemia Coopersmith**. Cost is $10. Call 636-7530 to register.

CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

A group for children of survivors of the Holocaust will meet Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Purpose is to explore the emotional impact of the Holocaust on the lives of the second generation. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. Call 630-0164.

ON STAGE AT LEAH POSLUNS

The Toronto premiere of award-winning *Punch Me In The Stomach!* by writer/director **Alison Summers** and writer/performer **Deb Filler** (who appears as thirty different characters) opens at the Leah Posluns Theatre Nov. 25 and runs to Dec. 19. The show has been performed in Australia, New Zealand, New York as well as several other U.S. cities and was part of the recent Vancouver Comedy Festival. Tickets at theatre box office, 650-6752 or Ticketmaster, 872-1111.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups— Parenting the Young Child (begins Nov. 22, at Promenade Mall, JF&CS 2nd floor offices); For Women Only (begins January, 1994). For information concerning fees and registartion, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

NCSY CONCERT

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) 15th annual fundraising concert featuring the Jewish superstar singing sensation **Mordechai Ben-David** and successful recording choir, Yerachmiel Begun's Miami Boys Choir, takes place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue Monday, Dec. 13 (sixth night of Chanukah) at 7:30 p.m. Sponsor tickets may be purchased by calling the Concert lines, 789-5900 or 789-1422.

WOMEN'S FOLKDANCING CLASS

A women's folkdancing class (women only), beginners/intermediate level with Israeli and simcha dancing is held Mondays, 8-9 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call **Sophie**, 221-6280.

at the JCC

Registration is being accepted for Jewish Community Centre Valley branch programs Pintsize (18 months to 3 years); Nursery (3 as of December 1994); and Junior Kindergarten (4 as of December 1994). Call 889-0813.

Come, do your Chanukah shopping at Chanukah gift show at the JCC Valley, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre**, **Julius Ciss** will speak on Missionary Threat to the Jewish Community, Sunday, Nov. 21, 1-2 p.m. Readings by **Shula Robin** and **Gladys Aaro** is arranged for Tuesday, Nov. 23, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club North York Board of Education programs offer exercise and yoga, Tuesdays; line dancing, Wednesdays; and music appreciation with pianist **Mildred Bennett**, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon. For information on all activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club takes registration for the Miami trips Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For information, phone **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle**, 633-5841. Tickets now available for the annual Chanukah party and dance Saturday, Dec. 11, at the centre with Phil Gold and his orchestra.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 783-9452.

Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Senior Adult Services is arranging a winter break to Costa Rica, Jan. 23-Feb. 6. For details, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club events— Saturday dance Nov. 20, 7-10 p.m.; the movie *Band Wagon*, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m.; Sunday dance with a live band Nov. 28, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Chanukah party Tuesday, Dec. 14 (members $5, non-members $6); New Years dinner and dance Wednesday, Dec. 29 (members $20, non-members $25); North York Board of Education programs, fitness, bridge, line dancing, yoga. Call club office, 395-7881.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Come with **Young at Heart Seniors** to Florida to two hotels—Sherry Frontenac and Sasson—for two weeks to three months (efficiency), package deal. Call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

The movie *Enchanted April* will be screened Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:30 p.m.

Also Sunday, Nov. 21, there's a dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m

The Creative Choir performs Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1:30 p.m.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 features a lecture on Peace in the Middle East by **Zev Perlmutter**. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. Fee is $1.

A reminder about Florida vacations at two Miami hotels—Caribbean ($3078) and Shore Club ($3104), Canadian funds, double occupancy. For details, call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

BB, BONDS DINNER

Abe and Freda Blankenstein were recently honored by Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Circle Lodge of B'nai Brith and Israel Bonds. From left are Ralph Snow, dinner co-chair; Abe Blankenstein; Alex Grossman, chairman of the board, Canada-Israel Securities Ltd.; Freda Blankenstein, Mike Rosenberg, dinner co-chair; and guest speaker Seymour Reich.

SHOPPING SPREE

Emunah Women of Toronto prepare for the upcoming Shopping Spree at Lawrence Square Mall, Sunday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring clothing, gifts, craft show, boutiques, food, jewelry, toys , books, door prizes and lots of fun for the whole family. From left are Ros Salmon, co-chair; Alvina Wesfield, Frances Farago.

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Organizations and People

Jewish students collect clothes, supplies to aid Bosnian women

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Jewish students at the University of Toronto have collected drug store supplies and warm clothing for women in war-torn Bosnia, in conjunction with a recent program run by the university's Jewish Student Union (JSU).

Heather Sloman and Mariam Bhabha of the Women's MultiFaith Coalition spoke about the crisis in the former Yugoslavia recently at a program run by JSU's political action committee and women's caucus.

Bhabha, a Canadian Muslim, showed slides taken when she was in Mostar last year. Sloman, an occupational therapist, belongs to an informal women's group that arose out of a seminar on Bosnia held at the Jewish Women's Voices conference which took place at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) in February of this year.

Sloman and Bhabha are members of the Women's Multifaith Coalition's Woman to Woman project, which includes women of Serbian, Croation and Muslim backgrounds. "It is the only group where those three groups are working together that I've heard of," Sloman told *The CJN*. "The focus is on the project, not on what should happen politically."

'Raise awareness'

To date they have collected close to 900 drawstring bags measuring 14 by 18 inches, each filled with toiletries, vitamins, painkillers and sometimes perfume. They are hoping to fill a total of 1,500 bags to be distributed locally among Muslim, Croat and Serbian women by their respective official organizations. Warm clothing is being redirected to an organization which will sends it to Bosnia.

The project has also received over $8,300 in donations, all of which has been used to buy supplies to send to Bosnia, Sloman said, with a minimal amount used for photocopying. The project is run on a shoestring from one woman's apartment.

"We wanted to raise more awareness," said Susan Sapiro, JSU women's officer. "As Jews, if we don't protest the terrible things happening to other people in the world, what kind of people are we?"

Woman to Woman still needs donations, particularly of drawstring bags and supplies to fill them. They are also in need of more storage space. They can be reached at 920-3726.

Sports community honors Alex Fisher for lifelong work

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Chances are that when Alex Fisher was growing up in the dirty '30s and playing all the rough and tumble sports of young men, he never thought athletic camaraderie included a kiss on the cheek.

But of a recent tribute dinner on his behalf, Fisher says "I don't think I've been kissed by men more often than I was that night."

Perhaps it was just their way of showing appreciation to a man whose involvement in the sporting community goes back 50 years and who has amassed an enviable record of achievement.

It was a night for nostalgia and back-slapping at the dinner, organized by Ruby Richman of the Ontario Basketball Association and held at the Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre. Teammates, athletes, coaches and opponents all paid their respects.

"I felt a great inner glow being there and seeing people I hadn't seen for 20 or 30 years," Fisher said.

Some of his buddies go back 50 years to the days when Fisher used to be a regular in the "chocolate tournaments" played on Sundays. Team members would ante up 25 cents each to play a 12-minute, sudden death basketball game, with winners advancing to the final. The ultimate winner took home a box of chocolates, purchased with funds from the kitty.

Fisher, 78, recalls that except for an 11-year span when he was "off of sports" to build up a practice as a chartered accountant, he's been involved ever since — particularly in basketball.

Fisher managed the adult amateur Duval, York Belting and the Nortown Tri-Bells teams. It was at the latter where he found his greatest success.

"We amassed many Ontario championships and Eastern Canada championships," he recalled. In fact, in 1952-53 the Tri-Bells, coached by Paul Thomas, were the first Toronto team to win the Canadian senior championship — then the pinnacle of achievement in Canadian basketball.

They did so amidst the thundering din created by their opponents' hometown crowd at the University of Alberta. The fans stamped their feet on the wooden floor so loudly that the whole room shook, Fisher recalled. He said the Tri-Bell's trainer spent the entire game head down and saying the Shema Yisrael prayer.

In the early '50s, the Tri-Bells practiced with Toronto's first professional basketball team, the Huskies, at Parkdale Collegiate and served as a foil for the Harlem Globetrotters in exhibition games at the Mutual Street Arena.

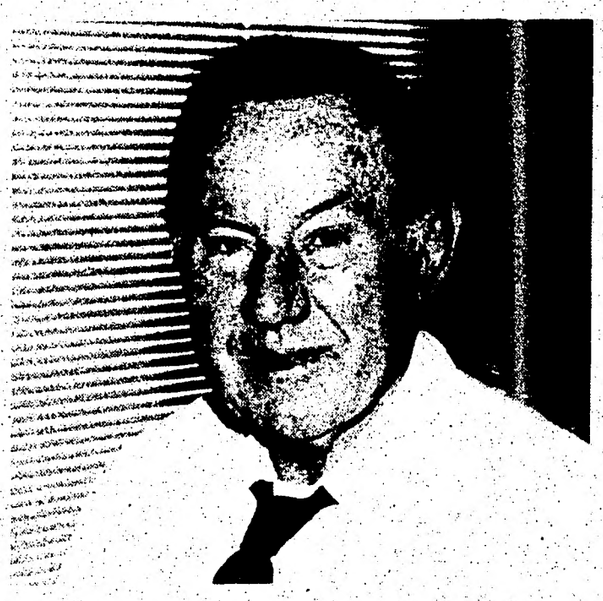
Fisher, who's been called Mr. Maccabi, first got involved with the Jewish sports movement in 1949 when Fred Oberlander, then Canadian Greco-Roman wrestling champion, asked him to organize a Maccabi contingent centred around a basketball team.

Doubling as a chief fundraiser and team captain, Fisher took his first Maccabiah team to Israel in 1953.

He continued as president of Maccabi Canada until 1981 and remains the organization's honorary president and a key fundraiser.

Fisher said he got involved with the Maccabi movement because "I believe Israel should be serviced in many ways. They're the front line for the Jewish community. Just to raise a little money is not enough. I felt they needed the normal things in life, like sports, and it made sense to make that contribution, in addition to just giving money."

An avid tennis player who hits the courts at least five times a week, Fisher is also a supporter of the Israel Tennis Centre, located in Ramat Hasharon on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.



Alex Fisher

SINGLES EVENTS

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles 35+ invites you to a Sunday Brunch, November 21 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be **Jules Kronis, Q.C.**, General Counsel State of Israel Bonds & Conservative Party Insider-**Topic**: "In Politics, Nothing Is For Sure-- The Election And The Jewish Community" Pre-paid reservations $8.00. by Friday, November 19th **Deadline.** 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview, M3H 1A4, 635-5340... Visa accepted.

JEWISH DATELINE presents **David Olive,** author, speaking on "The Dummest Things Men Ever Said About Women" Sat Nov. 20,1993 8 p.m. at the 17th annual **Jewish Book Fair,** Leah Posluns Theatre 4588 Bathurst St. Reception following $6 admission. (416)789-0110

Mayfair West Raquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having our next singles party Saturday Nov.27 The action begins at 7 p.m. with a tennis round robin and a dance following at 10 p.m. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20 and $10 for dance only after 10. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia Levine at 638-1010.

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Trudeau admired Begin's move towards peace

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port won him his freedom back in Jordan.

Later, while as prime minister, Trudeau recalls that his relations with Begin were "rather strained."

During Begin's visit to Canada in 1978, Trudeau had "several good exchanges with him and I admired his willingness to negotiate peace with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

"But then he tried to pressure us to move our Canadian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This would have been a coup for his government, of course, since they were trying to have Jerusalem recognized internationally as an Israeli city."

Trudeau said no, and "Begin became rather nasty about it and said 'I'm going to tell your voters in Toronto that you're not supporting Israel on this.'

"I told him: 'They already know. You can tell them what you want but I don't think it would be very courteous and I don't think it would very effective.'

"I knew this because my own constituency in Mount Royal had a large Jewish population and I often took the opportunity to exchange views with my constituents about Israel and the Palestinian issue.

Arab uproar

"We turned Begin down flat. But [prime minister to be] Joe Clark was not so wise, and he later got into a lot of difficulty when he followed the Begin line on moving our embassy to Jerusalem."

Arab uproar over the proposed embassy move later forced Clark to backtrack on the issue, something to which Trudeau also alludes later in the book.

Trudeau makes no other mention of Israeli or Jewish leaders he met or had contact with during his 16 years in office.

Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau applauded Menachem Begin during the Israeli leader's 1978 visit to Canada, but there was tension between the two.

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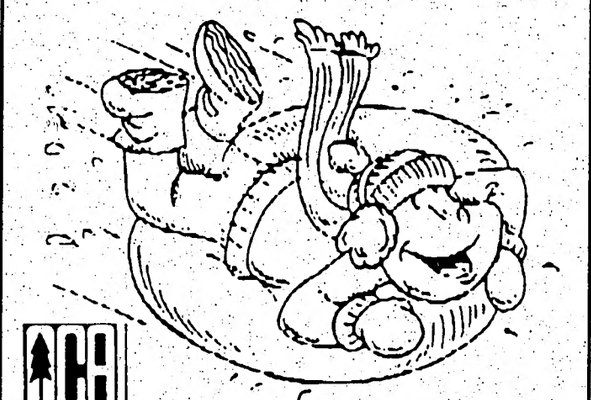

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Organizations and People

Rabbi David Ellis takes over pulpit in Moncton synagogue

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — Rabbi David Ellis has been in his new community, Moncton, N.B., for three months.

In the first year of his rabbinate, and serving only his second pulpit, he is realizing the job of a rabbi is not a simple one.

He was ordained in Jerusalem last year after serving for many years as a teacher and librarian in Denver, Colo. Following his ordination, he was rabbi at a congregation in Rondebosch, South Africa, before returning to North America last summer.

"Moncton is a small community with only 70 families," he said. "Bringing up kids here offers many difficulties because education basically stops post-bar mitzvah, at a very crucial time when it should be continued."

Rabbi Ellis, married with two small children, joins Moncton's Congregation Tiferes Israel at a time when rabbis in Atlantic Canada are scarce. Fredericton has been served by Rabbi David Spiro for several years. Halifax's Beth Israel (Orthodox) Synagogue has been without a rabbi since August, for the first time in decades. Shaar Shalom (Conservative) Synagogue is being served on a part-time basis by Rabbi Pamela Hoffman of New York, the first female rabbi in Atlantic Canada.

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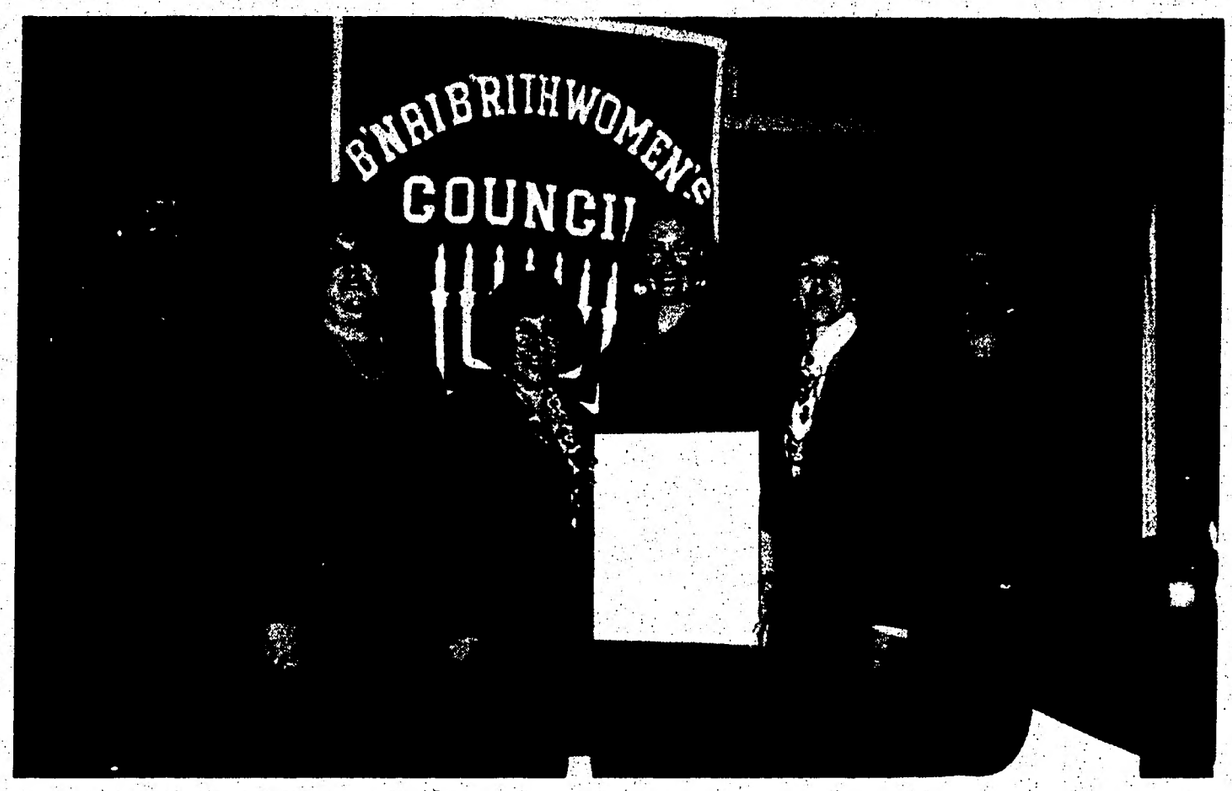

Seen at the B'nai Brith Women of Toronto Covenant Breakfast is (from left) Arlene Fagan, Karen Gloven, Marlene Ohayon, Marilou McPhedran, Helaine Finkelstein and Penny Krowitz.

BBW/C honors Marilou McPhedran

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Toronto lawyer and social activist Marilou McPhedran was honored recently as Woman of the Year by B'nai Brith Women of Toronto at its 37th annual Covenant Breakfast.

McPhedran, in addition to mobilizing the nationwide lobby that resulted in getting women's rights entrenched in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, co-founded Toronto's Rape Crisis Centre and is a founding member of Committee for '94, dedicated to having half of Parliament female by that year.

Helaine Finkelstein, president, B'nai Brith Women of Toronto and Arlene Fagan, national president, B'nai Brith Women of Canada both praised McPhedran for practising the ideals that examplify the mission of B'nai Brith Women of Canada. "The challenge that B'nai Brith Women of Canada faces is to position ourselves as the choice women make to fulfil themselves as women, as individuals and as Jews," said Fagan.

In receiving the award from Woman of the Year chair, Karen Gloven, McPhedran told the group that the '90s are a very tough decade. "This is the decade that will determine what kind of country we will have and in turn, what we will pass on to our children. If we squander even one generation of children, we have jeopardized the future of all of us."

She said that as a country, Canada is facing three deficits: economic, environmental and equity, "If we look at the concept of a healthy community and city, we must interconnect these three deficits. Everything is connected to everything else. By failing to invest in the disadvantaged we are carrying the price tags of their lost opportunities and this can turn on us."

McPhedran said that the number of people in Toronto using hostels has soared. "Thousands of kids are hungry, not learning and do not have a fair life chance. We are not rich enough to insulate ourselves. It is the energy and tenacity of people like us that will make the difference. If we do not invest in human capital, if we do not invest in children, we have had it."

She said that abuse and violence against women and children is one of the most serious barriers to economic productivity. "If we do not understand the impact of abuse and violence than we are not addressing the way to have women productive and carrying children into the millenium. When we talk about crime prevention, we are talking about the economy."

In discussing the *Show Boat* issue, McPhedran said that we must focus on common ground, not on differences. "Many have taken polarized views and I have a sense that we have missed an opportunity. There needs to be respect for differences and a validation of the types of suffering by different parts of society. We must be courteous and responsible and not squander the good will we have among ourselves."

She singled out the few men in the audience as the "honored minority. They are symbolic of what the future brings for us — women and men working together because they understand the country's three deficits."

Covenant Breakfast chair was Marlene Ohayon. Previous Woman of the Year recipients include Gerda Frieberg, Nehama Baum, Doreen Wicks, Dorothy Reitman, Chaviva Hosek, Karen Kain and Abby Hoffman.

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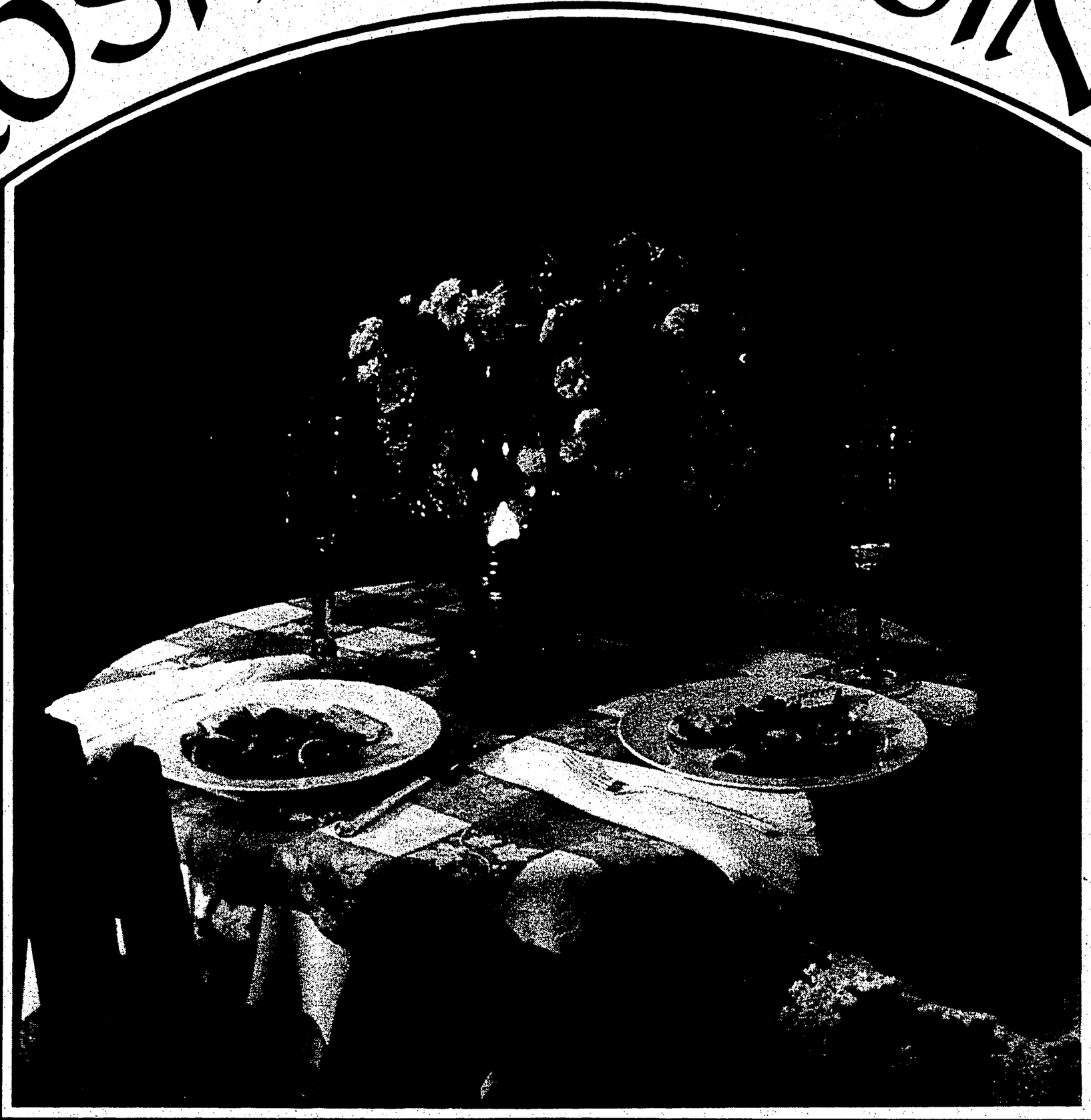

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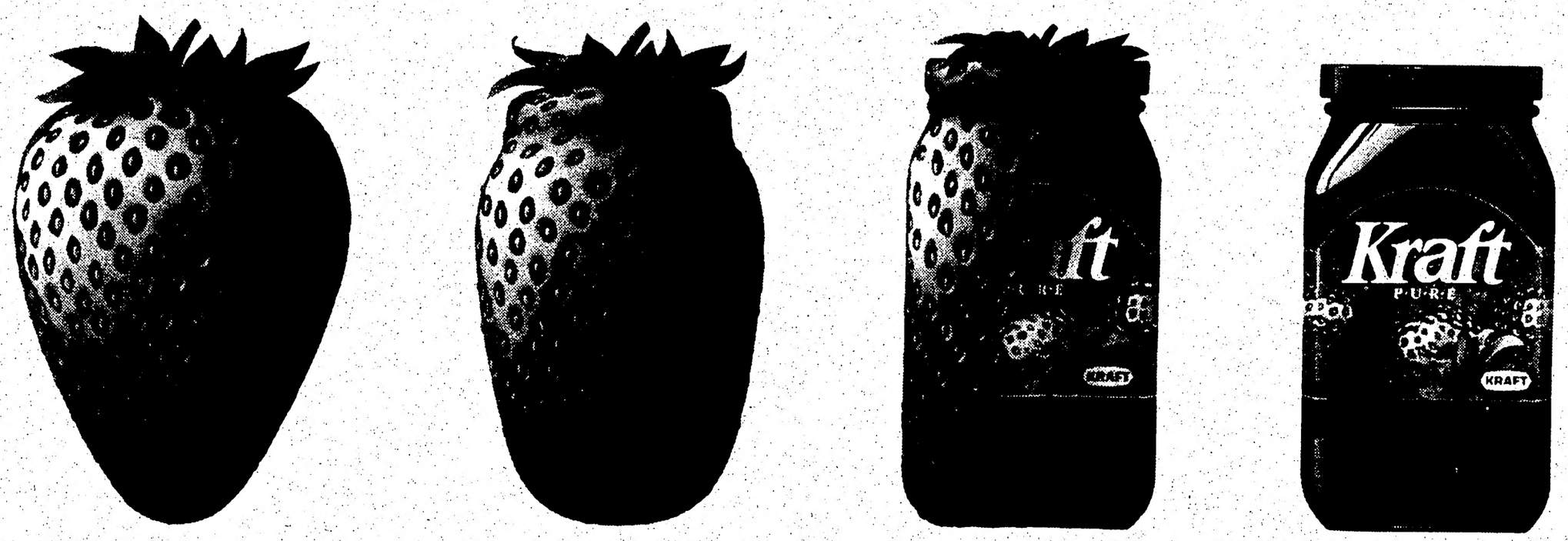

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1 1/2 tsp	vanilla	7 mL
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2	squares BAKER'S* Semi-Sweet Chocolate	2

- Heat oven to 325°F (160°C).
- Melt margarine and unsweetened chocolate over hot water. Remove from heat; stir in sugar. Cool slightly.
- Add eggs, one at a time, blending well after each addition. Add flour and vanilla; mix well. Spread evenly in greased and floured waxed paper-lined 15 X 10 inch (2 L) jelly roll pan.
- Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until squares spring back when lightly pressed. DO NOT OVER BAKE. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan and finish cooling on rack.
- Heat jam over low heat. Sieve. Spread jam evenly over bar surface.
- Cut in half lengthwise then crosswise to make 4 rectangles. Stack 2 rectangles together, jam side up. Partially melt chocolate over hot water. Remove from heat and continue stirring until completely melted. Drizzle evenly over rectangles. Cut into bars. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

Makes 40 bars.

APRICOT PASTRIES

1 cup	PARKAY* Margarine, softened	250 mL
2 cups	sifted all-purpose flour	500 mL
1	egg yolk, beaten	1
1/2 cup	sour cream	125 mL
1/2 cup	**KRAFT* Apricot Jam**	125 mL
1/2 cup	BAKER'S* Angel™ Flake Coconut	125 mL
1/4 cup	finely chopped pecans	50 mL
	Sugar	

- Cut margarine into flour until mixture resembles fine crumbs.
- Combine egg yolk and sour cream; blend into flour mixture. Chill dough several hours or overnight. Divide dough into four equal portions, keeping each part refrigerated until ready to use.
- Heat oven to 350°F (180°C).
- Roll each part into a 10-inch (25 cm) circle on lightly floured surface. Spread each circle with 2 Tbsp (30mL) jam, sprinkle with 2 Tbsp (30 mL) coconut and 1 Tbsp (15 mL) nuts.
- Cut circles into 12 wedges. Starting from wide end, roll each wedge into a crescent. Sprinkle with sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on rack.

Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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1 1/2 cups	chocolate cookie crumbs	375 mL
1/2 cup	BAKER'S* Angel™ Flake Coconut	125 mL
1/4 cup	finely chopped pecans	50 mL
1/2 cup	**KRAFT* Red Raspberry Jam**	125 mL
2 tsp	rum or orange juice	10 mL
	Icing sugar	

- Combine crumbs, coconut and pecans in large bowl. Stir in jam and rum.
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1 2/3 cup	all purpose flour	400 mL
1/8 tsp	salt	0.5 mL
1/2 cup	finely ground almonds	125 mL
1/4 cup	sugar	75 mL
2 tsp	cinnamon	10 mL

- Heat oven to 325°F (160°C).
- Cream margarine.
- Add sugar gradually and continue creaming.
- Add vanilla and almond extract.
- Blend in flour mixed with salt, and stir in ground almonds.
- Roll a large tablespoon size piece at a time and shape into crescents.
- Place on ungreased cookie sheet 1 inch apart.
- Sprinkle with sugar-cinnamon mixture.
- Bake 15 - 20 minutes, until very lightly golden.

Poppy Seed Cookies

1/2 lb (plus 1 tsp)	**Fleischmann's® SALT FREE margarine**	265 mL
3/4 cup	white sugar	175 mL
2 1/2 cup	all purpose flour	625 mL
1/4 cup	poppy seeds	75 mL
1/2 rind	orange	1/2
1/2 rind	lemon	1/2

- Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C).
- Combine all ingredients and mix together with fingers.
- Pat down in a greased jelly roll pan.
- Sprinkle with poppy seeds.
- Bake 18-20 minutes or until lightly brown
- Cut into squares while warm.

Pecan Cookies

1/2 cup	**Fleischmann's® SALT FREE margarine**	125 mL
1 cup	brown sugar	250 mL
1	egg	1
1 cup	pastry flour	250 mL
1/2 cup	broken pecans	125 mL
1/2 tsp	vanilla	2 mL

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
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For 15 years Raphy was responsible for some of the most elegant weddings and social functions for the largest cross-section of the Los Angeles' Jewish community. A master chef himself, he was exclusive caterer for Beth Jacob Synagogue, Los Angeles' largest Orthodox congregation.

Rigorous adherence to Kashruth

Raphy stresses that his lifelong rigorous adherence to the laws of kashruth in all aspects of kosher cuisine will be your assurance of a truly kosher experience at Chopstix and with Beverly Hills Caterers.

For most of the week, you can still savor Chopstix' famous buffet — but better. A whole new Chinese crew is introducing an exciting line of oriental dishes. What could be bad in Hong Kong Szechuan-style noodles, or a half pineapple stuffed with a tempting pineapple chicken?

Chopstix popular Bo-Bo Festival combination appetizer is back,offering Indonesian spring rolls, crispy wings, marinated chicken on a skewer, pineapple balls and barbequed veal spare ribs. And the cost of this appetizer for two is only $16.95.

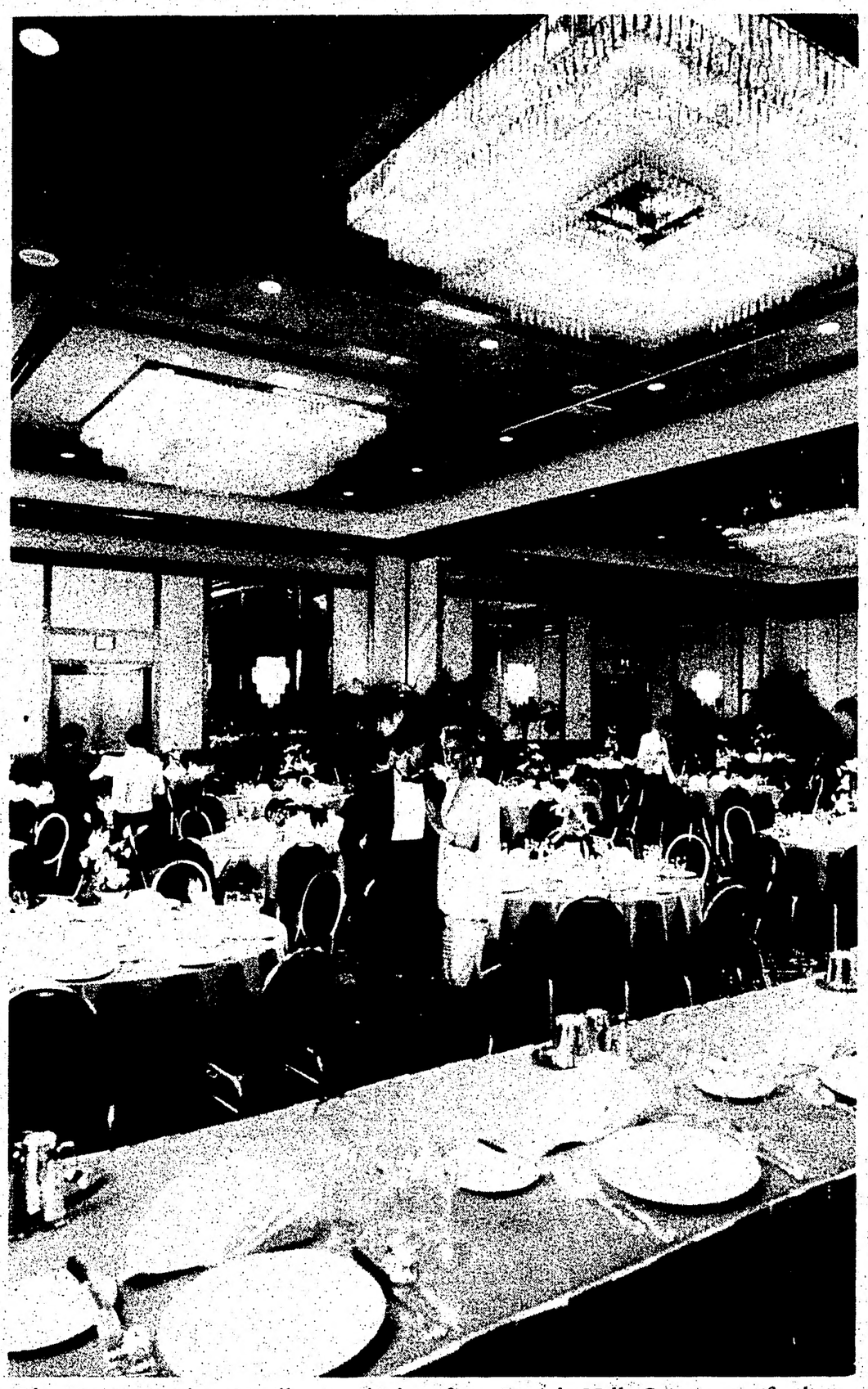
Never fear, on Wednesdays and Sundays you can still get the Chinese buffet. But it is joined by Moroccan and Italian buffets, with the best of those exotic cuisines for your dining pleasure.

The regular menu is an interesting combination of continental, deli, Chinese, Mexican, Italian, vegetarian delicacies. From Moroccan sweetbreads to Jurassic texas barbecued beef ribs (taken from the rib eye, the tenderest kosher cut, and served with Chopstix' own sauce) to Montreal-style smoked meat to chili, to linguine primavera, prepared with olive oil, garlic, basil and fresh tomatoes to vegetable lo mein with tofu in black bean sauce, not to mention blackened Cajun mahi-mahi (that's fish, to the uninitiated) everything is fresh, appetizing and served in impeccable style.

A special children's menu (only $4.95) ranges from pizza to spaghetti to crispy or honey garlic wings. Raphy especially recommends their carefully seasoned Shmulka Bernstein-style hot dogs — "kids will love them."

Chopstix has just added new cappucino and espresso machines, so they will be able to serve such gourmet coffees as kahlua and amaretto.

Raphy will be happy to prepare any dish, in fact, that you would like. Just give them 48 hours notice.



Planning a simcha? You'll enjoy the best from Beverly Hills Caterers, at facilities like the Toronto Airport Marriott (pictured above) and Le Parc

An elegant setting for any function

The restaurant can be divided into several configurations to accommodate different-sized functions. Try them for your bridal shower, sheva brachot, baby namings, graduation parties, anniversaries or any social function.

The teal and peach decor, linen tablecloths and delightful background music (ranging from Hebrew selections to Pavarotti, Raphy says with a twinkle) create an elegant, relaxing ambiance to your dining experience.

Beverly Hills Caterers will also cater at your home, or selected hotels, especially the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel and Le Parc.

No detail overlooked

Raphy stresses what he refers to as garde-manger, the decorative aspects of cuisine, where such techniques as fruit and ice carving enhance the presentation of what is being served.

Raphy says he will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to plan your function, at the restaurant or even at your home. Just call him at 787-0345.

Chopstix is under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Strub's new products now available in South Florida

Just when you thought you couldn't be happier with Strub's pickles, they come up with something else to knock your socks — or your tastebuds — off.

For the first time Strub's will be available in South Florida, so snowbirds will be able to enjoy their Dills/Full-Sours, New Dills/Half-Sours, Garden Fresh Dills, Hot Mix, Dill Tomatoes, Sauerkraut, Sweet and Hot Peppers all year round.

Marketing and Sales manager Arnold Strub said that the company took this step because of popular demand. "There was lots of interest from distributors and from stores, too."

You can get pickle products at many grocery stores and meat markets in North Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and other popular tourist areas.

"If you don't see them, just ask — we have great distribution there," Strub said. To make it even easier, clip the coupon from the ad that goes with this article.

That's not all.

Two new pickle products have joined the Strub's family, homestyle bread and butter pickles and baby dills, the first Strub's products that only require refrigeration *after* opening.

"While we always had the ability to make non-refrigerated pickles (from my great-grandmother Sophie's recipe, like all our pickle products are), we never had the right equipment. Now we do."

The bread and butter pickles are, says Strub, "sweet but not really sweet." Chunks of pickles are bottled with sweet onion, red peppers and sugar in a combination that looks and tastes great.

Baby dills

Baby dills are tiny dills pickled with garlic and a special brine made with vinegar. Diced red peppers are added, and the whole effect is extra crunchy and delectable.

These new pickles are available in most kosher stores in Toronto, including Sunnybrook, Nortown, Highland Farms, Daiters, Miracle UltraMart and Food City at Clark and Hilda, as well as in South Florida.

Strubs products are produced at their 50,000 square foot two-year-old plant in Brantford. Trucks deliver five times a week (every day to Toronto) so you are sure what you buy is super fresh.

Everything has the flavor and quality Strubs is famous for, Strub says, "or I couldn't put my name on the label."

Strub's is under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto and the Orthodox Union.

Chai Poultry upgrades processing facilities

Energetic, looking to the future – this is an apt description of Chai Kosher Poultry, the only plant of its kind in Ontario.

Its 7-year-old, modern, federally inspected plant provides over 6,000 birds a day to the kosher market across Canada.

Packaged and loose, the company ships chickens, turkeys, cornish hens and stewing hens. Its staff of 53, includes four shochtim (slaughterers) and three mashgichim (kashruth supervisors).

Supervision is from the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR).

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It processes and delivers daily (even up to three times a day when called for) to neighborhood sites and chain stores, including Perl's Meats, Miracle Food Mart, Food City, Sunnybrook, Loblaws, Highland Farms and Loeb's.

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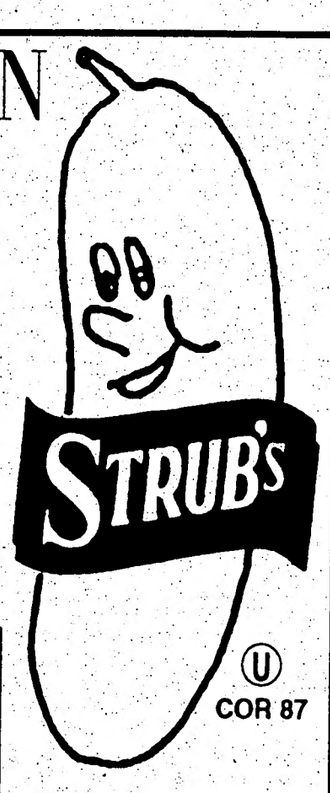

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Specialty cakes, such as cheese cakes, tiramisu, and strawberry shortcake can be ordered. Rhonda Litwack, their baker, makes almost any cake requested, and will help plan a customer's party menu.

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Kids of all ages delight in a casual buffet made up of submarine rolls, a variety of meats and assorted toppings. They make up their own sandwiches, pick a few side dishes and their meal is complete.

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Executive chef Heinz Wagner has been with the hotel since the inception of the kosher cooking services. A past president of the Escoffier Club, an association of Toronto executive chefs, he has been instrumnental in creating exciting kosher cuisine in the city.

It should not be thought that the Sheraton is only for the grand, wealthy wedding. Facilities and services are available to serve affairs of 20 people to those with 2,000 people.

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The cakes themselves are fantastic — fruitcake (although Morganstein says that is not as popular as it once was), almond, carrot, chocolate almond.

But her specialty is the chocolate, sugar or marzipan sculptures she creates to top the cakes.

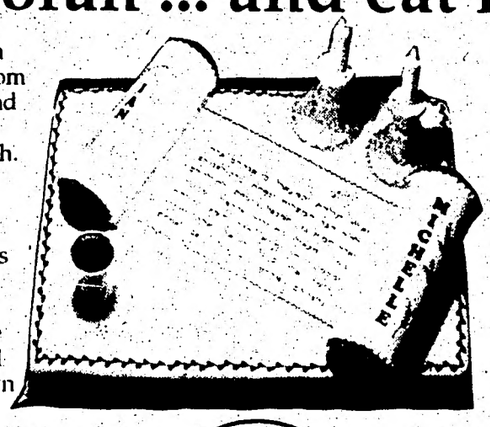
Her portfolio is a symphony of imagination and skill; a wedding cake that is an exact replica of the bride's wedding gown, a bat mitzvah cake topped with a sculpture of the birthday girl's favorite book, camp logo and a slice of pizza; photographs; a chess board.

She has even made blueprint accurate replicas of buildings and commercial products.

Morganstein uses an exactoknife and clay modelling tools to create edible sculptures that look too good to eat — but go ahead anyway! She explains that she melts chocolate, into huge slabs, and then "cuts and pastes" it into intricate designs.

To order one of her cakes, call Levy's Catering, preferably up to three months ahead, to allow enough planning time. They will arrange for you to meet her, and discuss what you would like. Please call for more information 633-4562 or 256-7886.

"Now you can have your Haftorah ... and eat it too"



Imagine a Haftorah created entirely from sugar and marzipan and placed on a cake for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Even the candles are completely edible. We've sculpted everything from The Princess of Wales Theatre in white chocolate to a portrait of Einstein. We have created Jonah and his whale, a bridal gown and tuxedo, even the Roots sweatshirt. These sculpted centrepiece are striking, memorable and sometimes outrageous ... but always sumptuous and delicious! We do them for parties of every kind and size. In fact, we will sculpt any three-dimensional idea you have in chocolate or marzipan and place it on a delicious cake. Your kosher cake will be prepared under supervision of the Kashruth Council through Levy's Catering 256-7886

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Sam Biber and David Dordek, who run the session, stress that participants need not be super athletes. "Our rookies range in age from 30 to over 70. A few play on organized teams and are in relatively good shape, but most haven't played organized ball for years, if ever."

All participants will receive an authentic team uniform of their choice, which includes official team batting jersey, pants, stirrups, hat, and belt. Souvenirs are plentiful and players can return home with such things as a videotape of the big game against the pros, a personalized Louisville Slugger bat, an autographed ball and a personalized million dollar major league contract. There is daily instruction from the resident pros and on any given day Dick Allen might show you how to turn a double play, Fergie Jenkins might teach you how to throw a curve and Joe Rudi demonstrate how to hit one off the wall.

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Isaac's Bakery - in the news again!

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New, at least, for Isaac's bakery, who decided to add these popular confections to its line of continental baking.

Other Le Notre offerings have such appealing names as sucre royale, almond succes, chocolate-vanilla charlotte and autumn meringue cake.

Of course, Isaac's still has its familiar specialties, such as chocolate mousse cake, baklava, danishes and a wide assortment of muffins and breads.

Owner Joe Anidjar, always alert to please all his customers, has added something else new; a line of no-fat muffins (carrot, bran and blueberry), bagels and rye bread. Not only are they healthy, but scrumptuous as well.

Both the Bathurst Manor and Bathurst Street stores now have cafes, where you can get a delicious light dairy meal or sit and chat with your friends over a coffee and treat.

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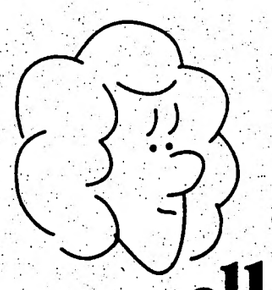

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Linda has worked with her staff to update the menus including the popular new **"Stations."**

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This Pesach, Adath Catering will offer Kosher Le Pesach foods, for Take-out.

Adath Israel Synagogue kashrut is under the supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Remember, your Adath Israel shul family wants to rejoice with you!

For further information, please call
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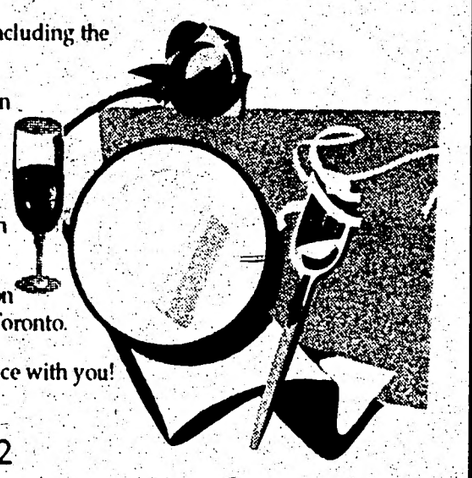

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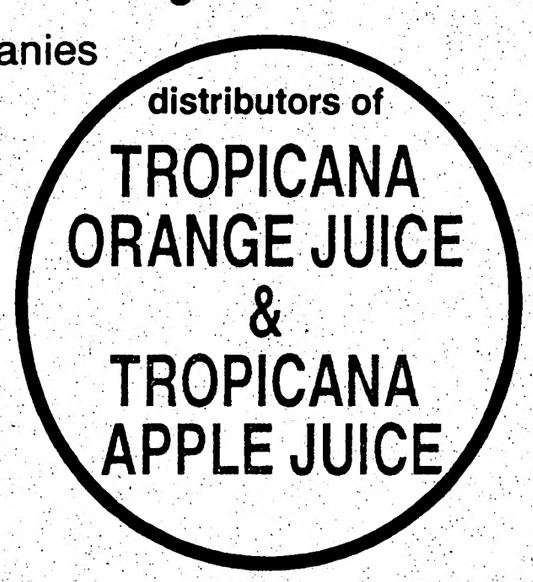

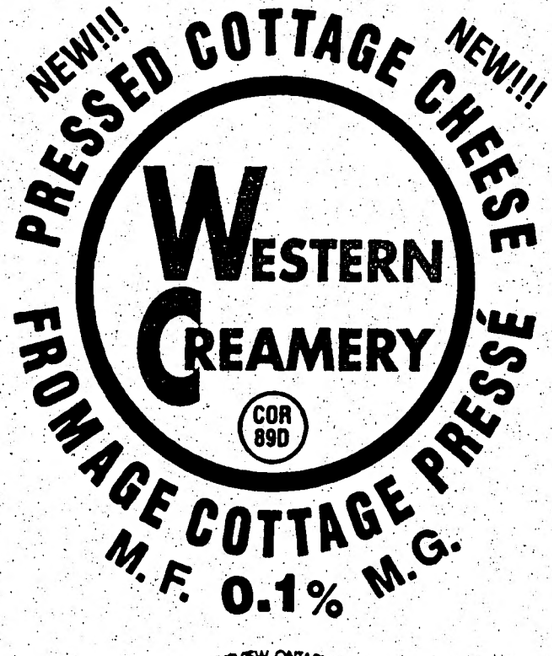

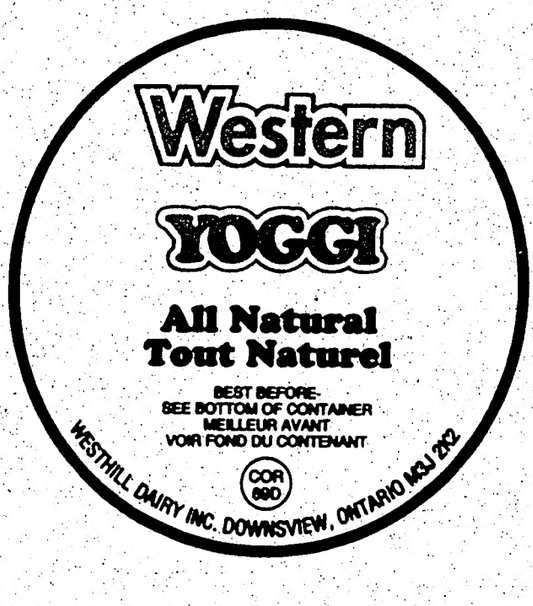

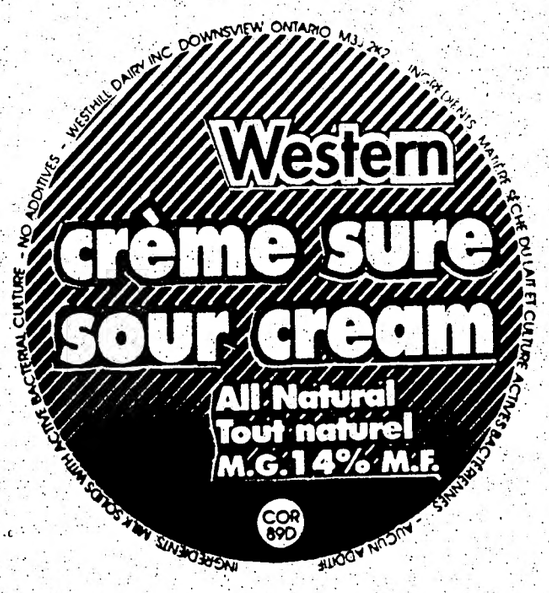

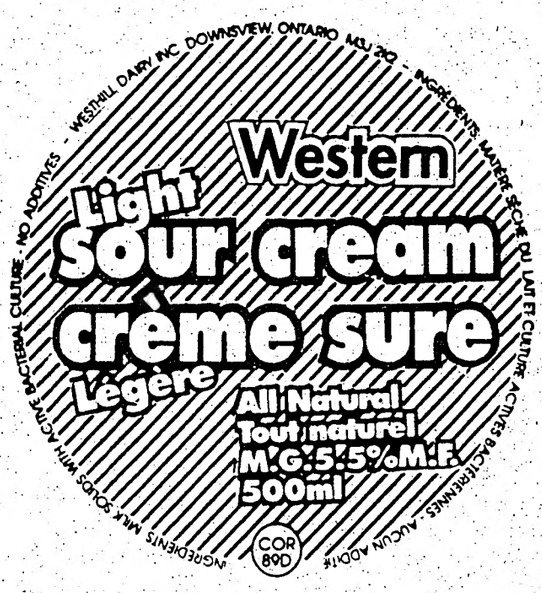

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Gladman expects that the $7 million project will be completed in September or October 1994.

B'nai Brith has housing projects world-wide. In addition to the Torresdale project, BBC runs the Upper Canada Lodge building at 4266 Bathurst Street and the B'nai Brith Building at 4300 Bathurst Street. All three Toronto-area projects are in North York. A similar project exists in Vancouver.

From left, Avrum Silver, Seidway Holdings; North York Councillor Michael Feldman; Pearl Gladman, director, Field Services, B'nai Brith Canada (BBC); Gabriel Nachman, president, BBC; David Lerner, president-elect, BBC; and Harold Seidel, Seidway Holdings at the recent ground-breaking ceremony for BBC's Torresdale housing project.

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Joining Ben-David on the playbill is Yerachmiel Begun and his Miami Boys Choir. They incorporate precision, choreography and multiple harmonies to provide an evening of pure family entertainment.

Toronto performers participating in the concert include Shlomo Simcha and the Nafesheinu Orchestra. Simcha is better known as Cantor Shlomo Sufrin of Congregation Shaarei Shomayim. The Nafesheinu Orchestra, led by trumpeter Yisroel Idels and drummer David Kerzner, will provide musical accompaniment to the performers.

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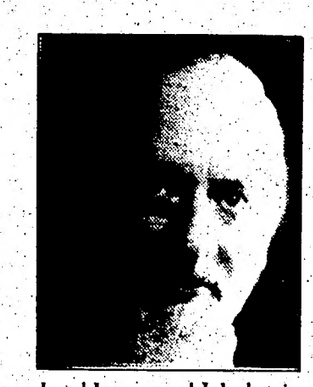

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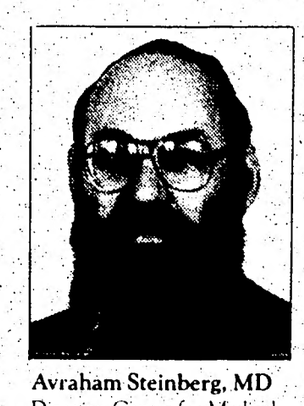

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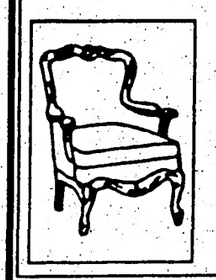

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Cantors shine in concert

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — The International Conference of Traditional Cantors held in Toronto recently culminated in a gala concert at Adath Israel Synagogue featuring four of its distinguished members — Avi Albrecht from New York, Moshe Schulhof from Florida, and brothers Aryeh and Israel Rand from South Africa and Israel respectively, accompanied on the piano by the always excellent Cantor Daniel Gildar of Philadelphia. The most fascinating aspect of the concert for this writer was the different sensibilities each of the talented singers brought to the cantorial aria to illustrate the difficult demands of this musical genre.

Although the setting and text material were religious in nature, the concert format provided the audience with an opportunity to remove the cantorial repertoire from its usual context and appreciate the works from a strictly artistic perspective. The program included solos, duets, and even a quartet finale which provided ample opportunity to experience each singer's particular talents.

Just as the classical Italian opera aria has a three-part set structure, the classical cantorial aria or chuzzanuth can also be perceived as following certain rules of construction. Specifically composed works would appear to begin with a plaintive and highly ornamented recitative or statement of theme. The middle section embraces a joyous song-like or lyrical melody, to which the appreciative audience joined the cantors in singing. The conclusion is a return to the vocal embellishment where each line is ornamented in typical florid cantorial style.

For this writer, the finest interpreter and most polished performer was Albrecht, the only baritone on the program. While others may have more ease of vocal facility for cantorial embellishments, Albrecht's arias are never art for art sake, but are performed with genuine feeling. The cantor's singing, however, is not just outpouring of emotion; he is also capable of subtlety and nuance in his coloring and phrasing by the fine tuning his powerful delivery. As well, his attention to detail and shifts of thought render the text most effectively, yet he is also very conscious of rhythms and his full rich robust voice could easily do justice to the standard opera repertoire. He is the type of performer who takes instant command of the stage and rivets the eye with his commitment to his material.

High tenor

Schulhof, who possesses a ringing high tenor that can jump octaves with a single bound yet has power to spare, produced the most traditional ornamented sound and was a real crowd pleaser as a result. Not only does he infuse his singing with passion, the cantor likes to take chances with his ornamentation as well as holding notes beyond usual human endurance. Although this risky approach led to some wandering pitch problems and strained, wobbling high notes, his singing produced the same sort of thrill for the audience as watching a ballet dancer go for the difficult jump. The cantor also performed a highly amusing "Mexican" Kedushah by singing Hebrew text to a Spanish melody adorned with suitable cliches from the mariachi genre which gave Gildar a chance to have great fun at the piano.

The brothers Rand are an interesting pair because they are so different.

Aryeh, the elder by several years, is a big man with a surprisingly soft voice. His greatest strength is his enviable ornamental style, vocal facility and fluidity of delivery. He also has a gorgeous pianissimo or the ability to pull his voice back to produce a sweet legato sound most opera singers would envy. What Aryeh lacks in power, he makes up in awe-inspiring rococo flourishes and ornamental bravura. While not a charismatic performer, Aryeh Rand attracts attention on the strength of his seemingly effortless singing.

Brother Israel Rand is a mere babe when it comes to tenors; newly out of the army, he has only recently completed his cantorial training which accounts for his lack of stage presence and self-conscious vocal placement. Nonetheless, Israel is a young man of prodigious talent. His range is enormous and he is able to scale great heights from his tenor top notes to a baritone bottom; he is also capable of a powerful delivery, yet is able to soften his voice when necessary. The young cantor is blessed with a tremendous facility of ornamentation which seems to be a family gift, and as he acquires more comfort in performance and matures in his interpretative skills, Israel Rand's obvious talents should catapult him into the front ranks of cantorial stars.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Wiesenthal's pursuits chronicled

The Wiesenthal File by Alan Levy (McLelland & Stewart)

Simon Wiesenthal at 85 is world renowned for his relentless pursuit of Nazi war criminals. Since 1947, he has brought over 1,100 Nazis to trial in a number of countries.

It was largely his research that led to the discovery of Adolf Eichmann's hideout in Argentina and his subsequent abduction in 1960 by Israeli agents. Unremittingly, he searched for Franz Stangl, commandant of the extermination centres of Sobibor and Treblinka, and for Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan who killed hundreds of Jewish children at Majdanek. Both were eventually captured and sentenced to prison for life. Gustav Wagner, deputy commander at Sobibor, was tracked down in Brazil and committed suicide. The elusive criminal who arrested the Anne Frank family turned out, when captured, to be a member of the Viennese police force.

Nominated four times for the Nobel Peace Prize, portrayed as Jakov Liebermann in Ira Levin's novel, *The Boys from Brazil*, and as himself in Frederick Forsyth's novel, *The Odessa Files*, viciously attacked on several occasions by enemies who sought his death, Wiesenthal remains feisty and indomitable. He displays no desire to retire. "There is nobody to succeed me, nobody left who is much younger, who would have my experience or could find out all that I carry in my head. But I will never retire . . . If I ever close my Centre here, it would be a Nazi holiday and a Jewish defeat — a defeat for humanity, a defeat for justice, too."

Alan Levy, an American writer and journalist who spent two decades in Vienna and who now edits a pioneering English language weekly in Prague, has known Wiesenthal over many years. His brisk and absorbing biography covers Wiesenthal's early years in Poland, his training as an architect, the four and a half years he endured in the Mauthausen concentration camp, the almost miraculous survival of his wife and himself, the founding in 1947 in Linz of "The Documentation Centre on the Fate of the Jews and Their Prosecutors," his success in bringing many war criminals to justice, the creation of the Wiesenthal Centre in Vienna in 1961, his ongoing battles over the years with those who would belittle his achievements or who incurred his displeasure and the opening in Los Angeles in 1977 of the "Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies."

Wiesenthal has argued with Elie Wiesel about the need to adopt a non-sectarian approach to the Holocaust. "For me the Holocaust was not only a Jewish tragedy, but also a human tragedy. After the war, when I saw that the Jews were talking only about the tragedy of six million Jews, I sent letters to Jewish organizations asking them to talk also about the millions of others who were persecuted with us together — many of them only because they helped Jews. This made me unpopular with Jewish organizations."

Eli Rosenbaum, a war crimes investigator, now with the United States Justice Department, has just published, *Betrayal: The Untold Story of the Kurt Waldheim Investigation and Cover Up*. This work describes Waldheim's complicity in Nazi war crimes but it also presents evidence that Wiesenthal was not only "pathetically ineffective as a Nazi hunter," but reckless in his defence of Waldheim.

Reviewing Rosenbaum's book in the *New York Times*, Jacob Helbrunn calls it mean-spirited and the tone of the passages on Wiesenthal chilling.

One of Wiesenthal's favorite expressions is simply, "I am not a hater." It has been a current motif of his later years as he has matured and mellowed. He asserts, "I am no hero, no saint; I am just an ordinary man." He sums up his ongoing philosophy with the words, "We know there is pollution. The air is bad, the water is bad, the skies are dirty. But there is another kind of pollution that people ignore. In many countries, people are living among murderers — and that is the biggest pollution of all, believe me."

Wiesenthal's life has been dedicated to the proposition that we should not live among murderers.

Arts

Holocaust-related programs set to air

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Television viewers can tune in to two Holocaust-related programs scheduled to be broadcast on TVOntario and CBC shortly.

Both are well worth waiting for.

On the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising last April, some 150 Canadian Jews turned up in Poland to pay homage to the dead.

Among them were three survivors and their families: Irving Milchberg, who leapt off a train bound for Treblinka; Renata Zajdman, whose life was saved by a Polish Catholic with whom she is reunited; and John Fields, who fought the Nazis as a member of the Polish underground.

Steve Paikin's documentary, *Return to the Warsaw Ghetto*, captures their emotions as they visit Poland perhaps one last time. The one-hour film, a skillful blend of archival and current footage, will be shown on TVOntario on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.

Return to the Warsaw Ghetto underlines the degree to which the survivors's adult children yearn for knowledge of their parents' ordeal.

Anne Milchberg, Irving's daughter, comes across as an extremely thoughtful person who's searching for a sense of family and the meaning of it all.

Michael Zajdman, towering and sensitive, wants to honor those who were murdered at the hands of the Nazis.

Lou Fields, John's articulate son, is intent on making a "connection" with the past, notwithstanding his fear and anxiety.

Ultimately, Paikin's film is about the survivors, the ones who struggled through the nightmare of the Holocaust.

Renata Zajdman recalls the terrible German siege of Warsaw and the death of her brother's fiancee. She meets Irina, her Polish rescuer, and likens her to an older, caring sister.

Irving Milchberg talks about the wanton death of his father, who was shot down in cold blood "like an animal." He realizes he beat the odds; he jumped off a transport heading to the Treblinka death camp — not once, but twice!

John Fields was only 19 when he took up arms against the Nazis. We are not told when and how he joined the Polish underground.

Paikin's documentary is framed by bleak footage of the ghetto. We see German soldiers questioning Jews; Jewish policemen dragging away a hapless boy; German planes making bombing runs over Warsaw. We see how the ghetto was built.

Michael Zajdman comforts his mother Renata, who was saved by a Pole.

Return to the Warsaw Ghetto acquits itself rather well. There are times when it lags, but on balance, this is a fine example of television journalism.

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CBC TV's Children of Terezin, to be broadcast on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 10 p.m., is the story of a group of young Jewish boys who, amidst horror and deprivation, enriched themselves by publishing a weekly literary magazine called *Vedem*.

Robert Sherrin's film, which is on the program *Adrienne Clarkson Presents*, consists of interviews with two of the survivors, dramatizations from the stories the boys wrote and file footage of the war, including a Nazi propaganda film about the Terezin ghetto.

The tales that are told are poignant, even moving. The first survivor recalls the day he was forced to wear the degrading yellow star, and the deportation of his parents. The second remembers the creative ferment which gave rise to the magazine, but adds, sadly, that most of its contributors were eventually murdered.

The reminiscences of the boys, and one girl, are touching. They compare their incarceration to that of a beast in a tiny cage. They recall the hunger and the transports heading east to Auschwitz. "Dear God, what is happening here? I can't even describe it," the girl murmurs in despair.

The defining moment occurs when one of the boys, decrying his fate, expresses regret that he cannot live a normal life and learn to love, play football or read poetry.

These words burn into the soul.

British Jewish comedy 'amazingly funny'

Promoted as the first Jewish comedy feature film to come out of Britain, *Leon the Pig Farmer* is an uproarious farce.

Conceived, written, produced and directed by the obviously talented team of Gary Sinyor and Vadim Jean, it trades on Jewish stereotypes to score well-aimed points.

Nothing is sacred — neither Jewish life and manners in North London, nor a hip Reform rabbi whose Torah scrolls are on a floppy disk. Everyone, down to a bearded, black-clad Orthodox rabbi who investigates the miraculous emergence of a "kosher pig," is mercilessly but good naturedly satirized.

Leon Geller (Mark Frankel), the protagonist, is a young-up-and-coming London real estate agent whose unflinching honesty ruins his career.

Down and out, Leon begins working for his mother's kosher catering company, while dating a neurotic Jewish woman (Gina Bellman) who prefers boxers to caterers.

One day, after delivering sandwiches to a medical centre, he accidentally discovers that he's the product of artificial insemination.

It turns out that his genetic father is Brian Chadwick (Brian Glover), a Yorkshire pig farmer, and not Sidney Geller (David De Keyser), a curtain salesman. Shocked by the discovery and all but disowned by Sidney, Leon drives to the burg of Lower Dinthorpe to meet Chadwick and his family.

To make him feel at home, the Chadwicks try their hand at being Jewish.

What happens next is quite unexpected.

Chadwick replaces busts of his beloved pigs with serene-looking photographs of Leon as a child and with Israeli flags. Chicken soup with matzah balls is served, and non-kosher food is banished from the table.

In a conceit which is nothing if not side-splitting, the Chadwicks — the very essence of British farmers — break into Yiddish-inflected English. And if that's not enough to bring tears of laughter to your eyes, the Chadwicks, above and beyond the call of duty, change their reading habits to please Leon.

Brian reads *The Joys of Yiddish*. His wife, Yvonne (Connie Booth), peruses *Portnoy's Complaint*, while their son, an aspiring chef, studies a nouvelle cuisine Jewish cookbook.

This is the stuff of classic slapstick humor, and it's carried out almost faultlessly by a fine cast led by Frankel.

The film, however, is not without its flaws. It loses its edge in the last 30 minutes. Connie Booth is too glamorous for her role, and Maryam D'Abo, who plays Leon's gentile love interest, Madeleine, is overly frenetic.

But having said that, I can definitely recommend *Leon the Pig Farmer*. It's amazingly funny and eminently approachable. It opened on Nov. 12 at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

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Remains of the Day, starring the great Anthony Hopkins as a dutiful British butler catering to the whims of his aristocratic boss, is an exquisite film directed by the inestimable James Ivory.

Jewish viewers will be particularly interested in its underlying themes of British appeasement toward Nazi Germany and anti-Semitism.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Remains of the Day* is not to be missed. It's a memorable cinematic experience. — S.K.

BILL GLADSTONE'S EYE ON ARTS

Dancer Bayla Rae Goldman presents an evening of original choreography with musical performances by Jenny Crober and Lesley Young in the production of *Still in Motion*, Nov. 18 through 21 at Dancemakers, 927 Dupont St. *Still in Motion* consists of three separate works, one of which, *Shirim*, explores the diversity within women.

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New Zealand actress Deb Filler wowed her countrymen several years ago with a one-woman comedy show, *Filler Up!* She also earned superlative reviews for her political theatre and comedic acting in New York. Her latest work is a highly personal one in which she shares her deepest feelings about being a child of a Holocaust survivor.

In *Punch Me In The Stomach!*, Filler takes on no less than 36 roles, jumping from persona to persona in a way that leaves audiences reeling, torn between laughter and tears.

Despite all the Holocaust-related pain Filler shares, the show is essentially a comedy. "*Punch Me In The Stomach!* is a metaphor for my family," says Filler. "No matter how many times we are hit, we'll get up again."

Filler slips in and out of character effortlessly. First she's a zany aunt, then her grandmother, then her father, then a television interviewer, then her father again. The characters all seem real and are mostly based on actual family members. "My family are my toughest audience," she says. "If they didn't like what I was doing, there's no way I'd have taken it this far."

The play, which Filler and co-writer Alison Summers have been shaping for nearly a decade, has charmed audiences in cities across New Zealand and the United States. Last month, it was featured as part of the Vancouver Comedy Festival. It opens Nov. 25 at the Leah Posluns Theatre and runs until Dec. 19. Tickets range from $14.50 to $22.

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Journalist Jay Teitel is doing a workshop on script writing for Grade 7 students of Leo Baeck Day School this week, and author Sylvia McNicoll is addressing pupils in Grades 3 and 4. The occasion is Children's Book Week, Nov. 15 to 19, Leo Baeck gymnasium, 34 Kenton Dr. in Willowdale. The book fair is open to the public after Tuesday. If you attend on Thursday, expect to see colourful costumes as some students dressed up as characters from books.

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"Art is not a mirror but a hammer," John Grierson, the legendary Canadian documentary filmmaker, once said.

This week, a new play about Grierson opens at the Tarragon Theatre. Written by Robert Fothergill and directed by Richard Greenblatt, *Public Lies* is set in the early 1940s when Grierson was at the height of his career.

Grierson, who founded the National Film Board, once stirred up the mire of the Gouzenko affair during the Mackenzie King era. Fothergill's previous work, *Detaining Mr. Trotsky*, was a winner of a Chalmers Canadian Play award. Richard Greenblatt was a co-creator and performer in last season's *The Theory of Relatives*.

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Jewish American author Saul Bellow will be awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto as part of the autumn convocation ceremonies, Monday, Nov. 22 at 8:15 p.m. He will address graduating students after receiving his degree.

Bellow will also be reading from his latest novella *Something to Remember Me By* on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education auditorium at 252 Bloor St. W.

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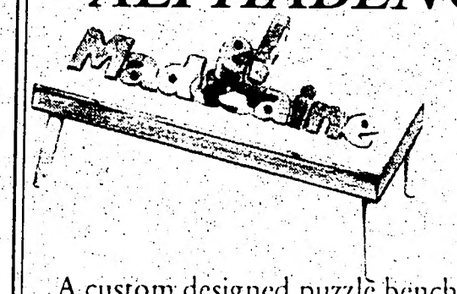

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Expert:

Malls become town centres

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — Successful shopping malls in the '90s will be those that offer much more than retail goods.

That was the consensus at the International Convention of Shopping Centres held recently in Toronto.

Industry experts said malls that are redefined as town centres, offering community services like babysitting and meeting places, will succeed.

"A mall is only a concrete shell and what's inside has got to change to meet consumer demand. Developers who don't realize that are going to fall on their faces," said Charles Magwood, president and CEO of Omers Realty Corporation.

Omers Realty is the real estate arm of the Ontario municipal pension fund which has been buying pieces of some of Canada's most successful malls, including Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

Speaking in a panel discussion at the convention, Magwood claimed that "within these impersonal brick boxes that we keep building lies a responsibility to consumers. Owners can't sit in their ivory towers anymore."

"It seems we haven't learned much from our past mistakes. We have to trip over our own feet before we can change things," said Magwood. "Thankfully, the consumer has gotten smarter, and is looking for better bargains and demanding better service."

Brian Worts

Panel moderator Stephen Messenger agreed. "The philosophy of the '80s was if we build them [shopping centres] they will come," he said. Messenger, a lawyer with Goodman and Carr, said shell-shocked retailers now need to find ways to compete with successful warehouse clubs like The Price Club and Costco.

This new form of Store Wars is responsible for re-evaluating shopping centres. "With the appearance of so many large freestanding box retailers [like The Price Club and Costco], something's got to give somewhere," said Brian Worts, president of Woolworth Canada Inc.'s Kinney Group.

"Convenience — the number one factor that attracted people to malls in the first place — is no longer there. Consumers must now go to a lot of different places to undertake a normal shopping cycle," said Worts.

Despite the new competition and tough economic climate, the future looks bright for retail shopping centres, according to James Bullock, outgoing president of Toronto-based developer Cadillac Fairview Corp. and new chief executive of Laidlaw Inc.

"The mall will become the most dominant form and will not become less occupied in the coming years," he claimed.

Contrary to popular belief, Bullock said there wasn't a glut of retail space in the '90s. He said that in fact vacancy is shrinking at an historic rate, and while there are three centres that he knows of with a chronic vacancy problem, for the most part the market is balanced.

He said the biggest obstacle to the industry is the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). "My vote would be to abolish it as it relates to retail real estate matters."

While Magwood agreed that hearing before the OMB have become a frustrating and expensive for retailers and developers, he also said it protects the smaller retailer from the big guns. "It may in fact have saved us from ourselves in difficult times."

MALLS AND PLAZAS:
Surviving the future?

Plazas maintain retail function

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

TORONTO — Warehouse centres and specialty outlets are springing up faster than you can say "what a bargain." In turn, some industry experts say that they are threatening the shopping plazas and malls that have traditionally dominated the marketplace.

A study of consumer trends suggest that destination stores, like Price Club and Aikenheads, offer such value and selection that people do not object to the commute often necessary to get there.

However, group members who attended a recent meeting of the International Convention of Shopping Centres heard that the strip plaza still serves an important retail function for convenience and everyday services.

To further study the future direction of the strip plaza *The CJN* interviewed merchants at the Yorkville North Plaza at Steeles, just west of Yonge.

David Frieberg is the manager of the Yorkville North Plaza, owned by Park Lane Developments. He feels shopping today has become a different experience.

"People's habits have changed," Frieberg says. Where once they would brag about how much they paid for a given item, now they brag about how little. But he says a quick trip to the dry cleaners or photo developers will always keep the local plaza alive. "There's always going to be a need for these service type of shopping plazas."

Frieberg says in order to attract shoppers, plaza landlords are going to have to concentrate on three things: making the plaza attractive, maintaining it, and merchandising.

Perhaps the look of the Yorkville North Plaza has helped lease it. Shoppers like the design, a replica of an old village complete with Victorian lamp posts and imported English phone booths. It creates a pleasant atmosphere to shop in. The plaza, which was the brainchild of David's father Herb Frieberg, was designed to give each unit a unique look. Restaurant patrons like the look too. "It's a natural thing after you've finished eating to walk and browse," says Frieberg.

Provides street exposure

The largest merchant in the plaza is menswear store Grant Mackenzies. Store owner Meyer Katz describes it as "a total value orientated store, top quality at deep discount prices." He feels his store is well situated in the Yorkville North Plaza because it's a growing area and the mall's design adds a little character to what could otherwise be a bleak, utilitarian look.

Joe Ercolao, manager of the Canada Trust, says another advantage of renting in a plaza is that one tenant might pick up business from another. "You'd like to think that one brings the others in," Ercolao says. "The plaza provides pretty good exposure to a populated area. The population is ever-growing here, a lot of traffic."

Rooster-Kakas owner Laszlo Koos, an experienced restaurateur, is pleased with the site. "It's a very good location because of the neighborhood and plaza," he notes, adding that roughly 20 percent of his clientele are Hungarian and many of his customers are Jewish.

Many of the tenants commented on how pleased they are with the available parking — a definite plaza plus. Sam Freeman of Freeman Formalwear also says being in a plaza means customers don't have to trudge through a mall to get to their destination. The plaza provides exposure from the street and lots of space, a factor he must consider for his type of business.

Lotus Thai Restaurant manager Jeffrey Chan, however, offers some suggestions for improvement. Chan says if the plaza, with its many restaurants, were to bill itself as "international flavors of the world," it might do better.

Other restaurants in the plaza that would help complete this theme include Field of Greens (a natural foods restaurant), Century Bakery, Furama House, Fat Phil's and the Imperial Malaysian Restuarant.

In addition to those quoted above, other Yorkville North Plaza merchants are Flora Gifts and Flowers, Marche (fashion accessories), Yamaha Music Gallery, Sky Rise Travel, Fantasy Photo, Shanana Dry Cleaners and Affairs of the Art (art posters and original art). Given the retail mix of this plaza, there is certainly something for everyone.

Business Briefs

Tourists in Morocco

TEL AVIV — Relations between Israel and Morocco are warming with the signing of the Israeli-Palestine peace accord.

One visible example is the rapid growth of tourism by Israelis to the North African kingdom, including many who are returning to scenes familiar to them prior to their immigration.

Since mutual correspondent banking arrangements are not yet in effect, Bank Hapoalim has been requested by the Eurocheque organization to guarantee Eurocheques used by Israelis to cover their travel expenses in Morocco.

Bank officials believe this is possibly the first step in the development of substantial banking and financial activities between the two countries.

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New president elected

TORONTO — David Eisenstadt, founding partner of The Communications Group (TCG) of Toronto, has been elected president of Pinnacle Worldwide.

Pinnacle is an $80 million international corporation of independent public relations and marketing communication companies. It is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota and has 51 offices globally.

As the first Canadian president Eisenstadt formed The Communications Group in 1973 after serving as PR manager of ad agency, Goodis, Goldberg & Soren Ltd., and as a corporate public relations representative with IBM Canada Ltd., in Toronto.

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Higher currency rating

NEW YORK — S&P raises its ratings on the government of Israel's implied senior long-term foreign currency debt to triple B plus from triple B and affirms its implied A-2 short-term rating.

The outlook on the long-term rating remains stable.

The upgrade reflects a further strengthening of Israel's geopolitical position following the Sept. 13 peace accord with the PLO. This event, together with a number of related diplomatic developments, represents a breakthrough in efforts to achieve a lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors.

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Arab diamond purchases

RAMAT GAN — The Israel diamond trade will welcome diamantaires and jewelers from Arab countries if and when the recent Israeli-Palestinian accord becomes a business reality.

Moshe Schnitzer, chairman of the board of the Israel Diamond Institute, said that diamond buyers from Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States as well as those from the populous Moslem communities of Asia, may certainly look forward to substantial savings by being able, for the the first time, to acquire Israeli-cut diamonds at their source.

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Poplar trees for China

REHOVOT — Researchers from the agriculture faculty of the Hebrew University at Rehovot are participating in a joint project with China and Germany to develop forests of poplar trees in China.

China urgently needs to expand its forest areas because of the shortage of wood and to improve the environment.

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North York Design Award

TORONTO — Architects A. J. Diamond and Donald Schmitt recently won an Award of Excellence for the design work done for York University's student centre.

Also, the architectural firm of Starr Landscape Group won an Honorable Mention for the work they did on the Barbara Frum Library and Recreation Centre.

In making its selection the award jury emphasized the following: a project's fit into and enhancement of the urban/natural context; contribution to the streetscape and public domain; and design which conveys skill and sensitivity for scale, composition, proportion, form texture and color.

Left to right: Vanessa Stanley, co-chair of YBN, Joy Sterling, vice-chair of programming, Shawna Morris, vice-chair of programming, Rick Aaronson, keynote speaker, Barry Rivelis, co-chair of outreach and Marlon Levin, co-chair of YBN.

Promoter stresses knowledge

By DEBBIE HELLER

Well-known music and sports entrepreneur Richard Aaronson was keynote speaker at a recent United Jewish Appeal Young Business Network meeting.

Aaronson, a lawyer, is a former senior vice-president of CBS Records (now Sony Music), co-founder of EMCI Canada and a former senior executive of the International Management Group (IMG).

He is currently a partner in a new high-technology venture.

Aaronson stressed how important it is to really know both your product and your market.

"Basically, a successful project will consist of a fabulous creative idea and solid execution tactics ... that will capture the consumer's attention, create brand awareness [and] promote the purchase of a product," he said.

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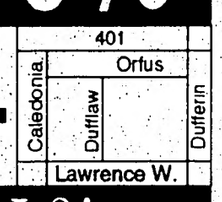

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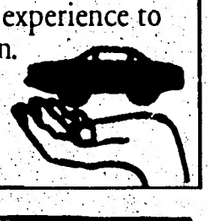

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Business & Finance

Aliyah expands Israel's economy

By DEE DRAMER AND STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce is receiving an unprecedented number of inquiries from people interested in starting up businesses in Israel, says the organization's executive director.

"The recession is pushing Israelis to return, and people who have been thinking of making aliyah are now actually doing it," says Danny Fleishman.

The Israel Aliyah Centre in Chicago has also experienced an increase in inquiries. Until the new shaliach arrives at the Toronto Aliyah Centre, Ephraim Bluth, the aliyah shaliach for Chicago and the Midwest supervises the Canadian operation.

Bluth says the increase over the last four years has been dramatic. In 1990, the North American olim figure was approximately 1,650 and last year, the numbers grew to 2,600. For 1993, Bluth says the expected total for North America is 3,400 olim.

He attributes this rise in part to the influx of more than a half a million Jews from the former Soviet Union and the tens of thousands from Ethiopia.

While the increase has pushed the unemployment rate to a staggering 11 percent, Bluth says the good news is that Israel's economy has expanded.

"In 1992 alone more than 130,000 new jobs were created. Now, the unemployment rate has decreased to under 10 percent and falling despite the high rate of worldwide aliyah of about 6,000 olim per month — primarily from Eastern Europe.

"The hope and expectation regarding the unfolding peace process, coupled with economic opportunity, have created a sense of optimism that the Israel of tomorrow will be a better place for Jews than the Israel of yesterday," Bluth says.

What sort of person is Israel looking for? What sort of professionals are in short supply? These are the questions that are asked by many who are considering making aliyah.

"Israel is always interested in the aliyah of Jews of all ages — young or old. Obviously, Jews of pensionable age need be concerned about health insurance and their ability to be self-reliant financially.

"Olim in the workforce who come with an education and work experience have traditionally found work in Israel, despite high unemployment, within six months of their arrival," Bluth says, adding that it is important to stress that new immigrants need to adopt a flexible attitude regarding job prospects. They must be willing to work not only in their chosen profession but also in related professions. Bluth points out that while a knowledge of Hebrew is not always an absolute requirement, it is an asset.

Currently, there are jobs availability in many fields for qualified workers.

"There is a growing need for experienced professionals in social work and psychology especially since Israel has upgraded its professional care in the fields of family therapy, wife, child and substance abuse," Bluth says.

He adds that the entire area of financial analysis is expanding and anyone with experience in economics, accounting and bookkeeping is advised to examine job prospects.

"Mall mania has hit Israel," Bluth says, adding that because there isn't an intersection not being considered for a building, it stands to reason that the country is looking for people with skills in everything from management to window dressing.

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There are many stories from people who have made aliyah; Leslie Horowitz, a Toronto-trained chiropractor, is one who made a success out of her business venture.

In May of 1992, Horowitz made her first visit to Israel. Before two months were up, she had applied to make aliyah. By mid-August she was an Israeli citizen.

When she arrived Horowitz didn't speak a word of Hebrew. Undaunted, Horowitz undertook an intensive five-month free ulpan (sponsored by the AACI-Association for Americans and Canadians in Israel) and upon completion, she was fluent enough to conduct patient examinations in Hebrew. "I made a point of learning the parts of the body," she says.

This 27-year-old woman became Israel's 23rd chiropractor — and thrived. "I am young, the society is young, the profession is young. There is so much room to grow there."

Horowitz opened up an office in Tel Aviv, and within a year was seeing over 100 patients. She deals with lower back and leg pain, neck and shoulder pain, sports injuries and car accident injuries.

Her marketing wasn't particularly sophisticated — she wore out the soles of her shoes distributing brochures door-to-door, and gave a couple of lectures on correcting bad posture and preventing injury during exercising — but the small-town feeling of Tel Aviv was in her favor. "If you are good, people tell other people."

Interestingly, she thinks opening a practice is easier in Israel than it is in Canada. For starters, Horowitz says there is much less paperwork. There are no OHIP or Worker's Compensation forms to fill out. There are no insurance papers either. A chiropractic practice in Israel is totally private.

There is no requalifying required. To start practising, all she had to do was register with the Israeli Income Tax, Value Added Tax, and Social Security offices. Her accountant and a counselor with the AACI took her through her paces, the requisite files were opened, and that was that.

In Israel, since licensing and recognition of degrees varies for each profession, anyone who has a professional license would be well advised to check with the appropriate professional counsel in Israel before proceeding with plans for aliyah.

The Israeli government and agencies were helpful. The AACI gave her 550 shekels a month living expenses for the five months that she went to the ulpan. They also gave her a rent subsidy and paid her municipal taxes. In the first year, you don't even pay income taxes.

Being one of only seven chiropractors in Tel Aviv may also have been lonely, but it also has its advantages. Clients don't have the opportunity to go "chiropractor-shopping" — there is less comparison and less judging.

Then there are societal differences. "People [in Toronto] expect a doctor to have a fancy office. In Israel they are used to going to a doctor's office in some dingy basment somewhere. My simple two-room office in Israel met all my needs. Where in Toronto could I find an office for $300 [a month]? I couldn't get away with less than $1,000."

Yet, despite all these advantages, Horowitz has come back to Toronto. Although her Israeli practice was thriving, she felt she needed to gain experience by working with others in her profession.

"I felt that there was so much more that I needed to learn, and I had a choice of either learning it slowly, or to come back and learn it from people who are more experienced than myself."

There are other reasons. Living without family was extremely difficult. Horowitz's parents live in Toronto and so do her brothers and sisters. "If we would all move to Israel, I would go back without a thought. It was such a great year. It was such a learning experience," she says. Yet, moving back to Canada is not a final decision. Israel still has a strong pull. "I don't know how long I am back for. Perhaps for only a year. I had to return to at least see whether I made the right decision. I had to be sure. If I hadn't, perhaps I would have regretted it later."

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Horowitz' experience points to other factors a prospective oleh or olah from a well-established secure Diaspora should consider. Among these are family ties, friends, the ages of your children, the opportunities for on-going professional development and many more. As Horowitz discovered, a trial year may be needed.

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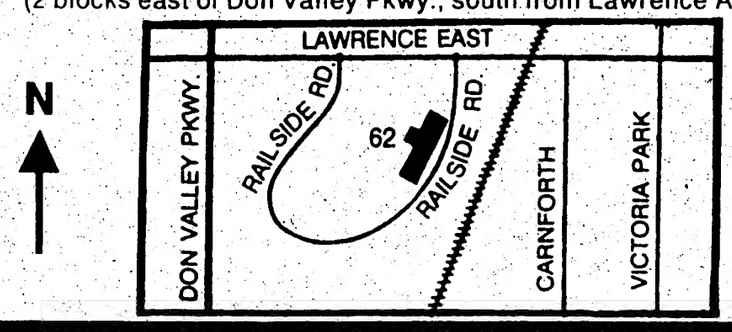

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In addition, Aaronson touched on the benefits of owning the property, which is one of the fundamental reasons behind the success and continuous growth of IMG.

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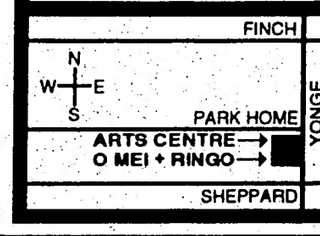

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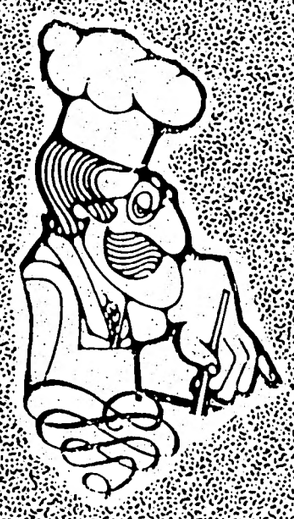

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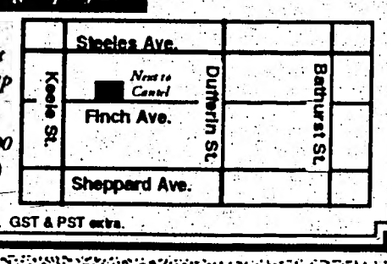

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TRAVEL TALK

By BILL GLADSTONE

September's signing of the peace initiative between Israel and the Palestinians is being seen as a giant leap forward, the positive effects of which "will radiate throughout the region on many different levels," according to the Israel Government Tourist Office for Canada.

Israeli president Ezer Weizman recently hosted a convention entitled Tourism In Times of Peace. One outcome was the formation of a committee to discuss tourism projects between Israel, the Palestinians and their neighbouring countries.

One goal of the committee is to establish a joint package involving Eilat in Israel, Nuweba in Egypt and Aqaba in Jordan.

Jordan, Egypt and Israel are jointly being touted as a "triangle" to draw international travellers. "The change cannot happen in one month, but if we cannot promote it, we will not get the results," says Israeli tourism minister Uzi Baram.

This month, Baram's Turkish counterpart visits Israel to discuss building joint vacation packages with Israel and neighbouring states. Another sign of change is that regional tourism ministers meet this month at the World Travel Market in London to announce the establishment of a new organization to market Mediterranean tourism packages in Europe and North America.

Some observers contend that Vatican recognition of Israel is imminent. If so, the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two states would likely generate much Catholic pilgrimage.

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Given that economic projections have shown tourism will account for a full one-third of world productivity by the year 2000, the tourism industry both locally and in Ha-Aretz would clearly reap some great peace dividends. Prosperity, to my knowledge, has never yet made things worse.

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Okay, enough with the philosophy. Instead, let me tell you about some of the latest developments to bloom in the Israeli desert. Have you been to the Alpaca Farm at Mitzpeh Ramon in the Negev? Visitors may trek with the llamas for a few hours or even days. (Phone 011-972-57-588047.)

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Those who prefer big-city comforts may be heartened to hear of a new promenade in Tel Aviv, currently in the final stages of construction. Almost eight miles long, it extends from the hotel district in the north to Old Jaffa in the south. The promenade contains coffeehouses, restaurants, seating nooks and decorative street lamps.

Another promenade has recently opened in Haifa. It is a quarter of a mile long and situated on the Carmel Heights. It runs from the Nof Hotel southward to Daphna Street. The planned multimillion dollar Baha'i gardens and waterfall project should blend with the promenade.

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4 bdrm townhome, 2½ baths, 5 appls, fin bsmt, prime complex, value + D. Weiser*/J. Maguire* 226-1987

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ROSEDALE NORTH 4 BEDROOM $315,000
Dble garage, living/dining combo, prof. finished lower level, spring possession. *Helen Gould 764-7200

ROSEDALE NORTH $314,900 — JUST LISTED!
Over 2,500' great value! 4 bdrms, main fam. & laundry, fin. bsmt, white/grey decor, loaded! *A. Sidofsky 764-7200

BATHURST-STEELES REDUCED TO $307,000
Vendor bought firm! 4 large bdrms + family room, fin. bsmt, white/grey decor. *A. Sidofsky 764-7200

BATHURST-LAWRENCE — LARGE 3 BDRM BUNGALOW
60 x 117 lot, prime location for new home $299K *S. Rovet 764-7200

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Luxury 4 bdrm townhome, end unit, over 1930', marble, granite, upgraded! Spectacular! *Clara Green 764-7200

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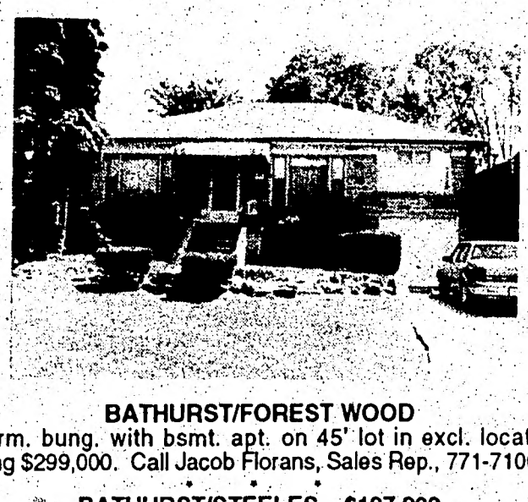

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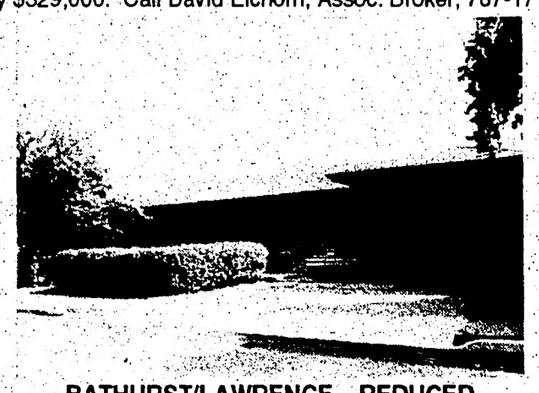

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Updated 3 bedroom Tudor. Large principal rooms. Main floor den. Finished lower level. Private drive. **Gary Mitchell.

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Beautiful 2-storey 4 bedroom. Mn. flr. den & family rm. Eat-in kitchen. Finished lower level with sauna. *Eleanor Stanton.

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Centre hall 4 bedroom. Total[illegible]ated & renovated. "Beckerman" kitchen. Panelled l[illegible]ove right in! *Betty Cohen. SOLD

FOREST HILL RD./LONSDALE — $849,000
Smashing New York style. 6 BR. (stunning master retreat). Art deco interior. Large foyer w/fireplace. **Gary Mitchell.

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BATHURST/GLENCAIRN — $295,000
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CRICKET CLUB — NEW LISTING!
$299,000. Totally renovated. 3+ BR. Extra bath. White kitchen. Central air. Large treed lot. Just move in! *Edith Weiss.

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AVENUE RD/LAWRENCE — $329,000
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HILLHURST BLVD. — $689,000
East of Bathurst. Renovated [illegible] centre hall. 5 baths (marble ens.). Family rm. Skylights[illegible]Mitchell/**Gary Mitchell. SOLD

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INCOME PROPERTIES

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